Master’s Degree Exit Requirements

In order to exit the program, students must have completed all of the following:

1) A cumulative grade point average of 3.00
2) A grade of B- or better in all coursework
3) Undergraduate content hour (Praxis II: Elementary Education Content 0014) and technology deficiencies
   a) Refer to your welcome packet or call Dr. Baker at (757) 683-4383 with questions.
4) Written comprehensive exams
   a) Written comprehensive examinations are composed of questions drawn from all coursework. “Comps” must be completed successfully prior to graduation and are given in October, March, and June. Only one reexamination is allowed. Please refer to the program website for more information and an application to take comps.
5) Internship/student teaching
   a) The ODU MS degree in Special Education is a state-approved endorsement program. Students must complete all requirements of the program including student teaching/internship for licensure recommendation from ODU. For more information about student teaching/internship, please contact Teacher Education Services. If you are currently teaching in the special education area for which you wish endorsement, then it becomes your responsibility to seek the alternative route to licensure through your school division. Final steps to licensure include the VDOE DA 035 form and a transcript request.
6) Exit Surveys and Assessments
   a) Graduate Student Assessment
      i) Complete the Graduate Student Assessment at http://www.odu.edu/ao/ira/assessment/graduate.shtml.
   b) Post-Task Rating Form
      i) Complete the Post-Task Rating Form from the Special Education Program webpage at: http://education.odu.edu/esse/academics/sped/grad/assessment.shtml
   c) Educational Benchmark Inventory (EBI)
      i) You will be contacted by Teacher Education Services to complete the Educational Benchmark Inventory.
7) Application for graduation
   a) An application for graduation must be filed at the Registrar’s Office by the following dates:
      1. third Friday in July for December graduation
      2. second Friday in November for May graduation
      3. second Friday in April for August graduation.
      Dates are subject to change. Contact the Registrar’s Office for further information. Also, students must be registered at ODU during the semester that they intend to graduate. If you are not taking a course, you will need to register and pay for ESSE 999 (1 credit hour).
   b) For more information about Commencement, please visit http://www.odu.edu/ao/commencement/.

Candidates seeking initial special education licensure will be required to take the Virginia Reading Assessment and the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment.

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