

Program Description

Supervisory Endorsement programs of study at the post-master's level are available as an administrative endorsement in Montana for specific fields of teaching. Montana State University Billings offers supervisory programs in Reading and Special Education.

The Supervisory Endorsement in Special Education is intended for individuals **who intend to serve as special education directors for a school district or rural special education cooperative.**

For candidates who meet all criteria below, this plan of study must be developed with a faculty advisor; it is subsequently approved by the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Education. Upon completion of all program requirements and with a minimum program GPA of 3.00, the endorsement candidate is responsible to file an official Montana State University Billings transcript with the Montana State University Billings Licensure Officer and request to have the added endorsement approved by the Department Chairperson and Dean for transmission to the Office of Public Instruction in Helena.

Each applicant must meet the criteria listed below:

1. Completion of the Master of Science in Special Education Degree at Montana State University Billings or equivalent from an accredited program
2. Eligible for Montana Class 1 or 2 Teaching Licensure in Elementary Education
3. Eligible for the Montana Educator Elementary/Secondary License with the Special Education Endorsement or an educator license/license endorsement for providing related services—e.g., speech and language pathologist, school psychologist
4. Minimum of three years special education teaching experience or five years as a related services provider
5. Recommendation of the Chairperson of the Department of Educational Theory and Practice
6. Recommendation from the Dean of the College of Education
7. Successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate educational curriculum course
8. Successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate special education law course



