Curriculum Map - Special Education, M.A./M.S.

The Master of Arts and Master of Science in Special Education (Ed.Sp., M.A./M.S.) programs includes a series of courses designed to meet California State Standards for Mild/Moderate Support Needs and Extensive Support Needs Preliminary teaching credentials along traditional or intern pathways. The content and standards of these credential courses are subject to CTC accreditation cycles and the foundation upon which the Ed.Sp., M.A./M.S. is built. For the purposes of program assessment, Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) are drawn from courses within the program that are not part of the CTC credentialing process. Table One displays the five Ed.Sp., M.A./M.S. PLOs. Table Two displays the five PLOs and the courses in which each is Introduced (I), Developed (D), or Mastered (M) as candidates work toward program completion and their degree.

Table 1: Special Education, M.A./M.S. Program Learning Outcomes

PLO 1 - Candidates will articulate research questions connected to an area of focus and justify their significance within the field.
PLO 2 - Candidates will synthesize research in their primary field of study to inform understanding and practice.
PLO 3 - Candidates will be able to clearly describe, justify, and communicate their data collection and analysis methods in ways appropriate to the field of study.
PLO 4 - Candidates will analyze research findings, draw evidence-based recommendations, and connect them to their research questions and the field of education.
PLO 5 - Candidates will critically evaluate their research and explain its relevance to the field and their professional practice using evidence.

Table 2: Special Education, M.A./M.S. Course and Program Learning Outcome Detail (I = Introduce,D = Develop, M = Mastery)

Course Number	Course Name	Degree Program(s)	Course Group	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5	Notes
GED6072	Philosophy of Education	M.A. or M.S.	Masters	I	I		I	I	
GED6081	Educational Measurement and Evaluation	M.A. or M.S.	Masters	D	D	D	D	D	
GED6094	Action Research and Capstone	M.A.	Masters	D	D	D	D	D	
GED6095	Capstone Project & Presentation	M.A.	Masters	M	M	M	M	M	
GED6098	Master of Science Thesis Design	M.S.	Masters	D	D	D	D	D	
GED6099	Master of Science Thesis	M.S.	Masters	M	M	M	M	M	