

Candidates completing the Special Education
OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT PLAN

Special Education

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Program Mission:

We immerse our students in authentic academic and professional settings, providing them with opportunities to bridge theory and practice and to engage in critical reflection that informs action.

Program Vision:

To be a premier school of education that prepares educators, leaders and counselors as agents of social change who transform the lives of individuals and communities they serve.

Outcome 1: Effective Communication

In the School of Education all undergraduates must pass The Special Education Program with a grade of B or better. These courses require the ability to communicate effectively and think critically. Pre-service candidates must also exhibit the necessary dispositions or characteristics to teach and will need to exhibit these necessary dispositions with appropriate stakeholders in the school environment.

First Means of Assessment for Objective 1: The Special Education Program with a B or Better.

Summary of Data:

Number of Students Meeting Criterion	18	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion	0
Total Number of Students Assessed	18	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion	100%

Student Learning Objective 1: The Disposition to Teach

Means of Assessment for Objective 1: NMHU Dispositions Reference Form.

Summary of Data: We do not use a dispositions reference form for graduate students

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

Mid-Range Assessment 2

Outcome 2: Candidates will demonstrate a mastery of pedagogical knowledge, content, skills and the disposition to teach.

Objective 2: Candidates will demonstrate Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 2: NES Special Education Assessment

Summary of Data:

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:	17	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	1
Total Number of Students Assessed:	18	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	94.4%

Second Means of Assessment for Outcome 2: The Disposition to Teach Reference Form

Summary of Data: We do not use a dispositions reference form for graduate students

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

Advanced Candidate Assessment Outcome 3

Candidates will demonstrate a mastery of Special Education Information on their Thesis, Field Study, or Comprehensive Exam. They must present their Oral review utilizing current and effective technology and exhibit high levels of the Disposition to Teach (average of 3 or better) on the Disposition Reference form.

Objective 3:

Candidates will demonstrate Exceptional knowledge in their Thesis, Field Study or Comprehensive Written Exam.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 3: Written Exam Scores Average

Summary of Data: No Access

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

Second Means of Assessment for Outcome 3: Oral Exam with Technology Review

Summary of Data: No Access

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

Means of Assessment for Outcome 3:
NMHU Dispositions Reference Form

Summary of Data: We do not use a dispositions reference form for graduate students

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

Utilization of Results:

The results of data collection will assist faculty in course design, evaluation of Field-based experiences, and program outcomes assessment design.

Changes to Program Based on Results:

Changes to program will depend on the data collected for the above assessments

Retention Strategies:

Advising hours that meet candidate needs
Availability of Zoom Advising
Advising Training for all advisers
Student friendly scheduling