

Master of Disability Studies: NextSense Institute, through Macquarie University¹

<https://www.nextsense.org.au/professional-education/postgraduate-study>

Program Requirements: 80 credit points (each 8 unit is 10 credit points)

- 20 Core Zone credit points (compulsory units)
- 20 Elective Zone credit points (flexible units - choose from a range of electives)
- 40 Specialisation credit points (4 units per specialisation)

[Foundation Zone = knowledge needed if applying from a different discipline background:

- SPED8923 – completion of UEB literacy and introductory mathematics modules (evidence should be sent to unit convenor). Next Sense recommends the UEB online program.
- SPED8935 – completion of Auslan level 2 and successfully passing Auslan Basic Assessment (to test proficiency).]

Recommended study patterns for each specialisation

Blind Low Vision (BLV) Specialisation (R000125)	Unit type	Unit code	Unit name	Semester offered	Credit points	Sequence	Semester of study	Prerequisites
	Core	SPED8911	Inclusion and Professional Collaboration in Sensory Disability	Semester 2	10	1	1	None
R000125: Blindness/Low Vision	Specialisation	SPED8926	Foundational Studies in Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 1	10	2	2	None
	Elective	SPED8925	Technology in Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 2	10	3	3	SPED8926
R000125: Blindness/Low Vision	Specialisation	SPED8922	Educational Adjustments for Learners with Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 1	10	4	4	None
	Elective	SPED8923	Literacy for Learners with Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 2	10	5	5	SPED8926, Hurdle
R000125: Blindness/Low Vision	Specialisation	SPED8921	Orientation and Mobility Fundamentals	Semester 1	10	6	6	None
R000125: Blindness/Low Vision	Specialisation	SPED8910	Critical Reflection and Professional Experience for Teachers in Sensory Disability	Semester 1 and 2	10	7	7	40cp AND special approval
	Core	SPED8913	Research in Sensory Disability	Semester 1 and 2	10	8	8	None
Deaf Hard of Hearing (DHH) Specialisation(R000124)	Unit type	Unit code	Unit name	Semester offered	Credit points	Sequence	Semester of study	Prerequisites
	Core	SPED8911	Inclusion and Professional Collaboration in Sensory Disability	Semester 2	10	1	1	None
R000124: Deaf Hard of Hearing	Specialisation	SPED8931	Introduction to Educational Audiology	Semester 1	10	2	2	None
	Elective	SPED8932	Perception and Production of Speech in Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children	Semester 2	10	3	3	SPED8931
R000124: Deaf Hard of Hearing	Specialisation	SPED8933	Language and Literacy Learning in Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children	Semester 1	10	4	4	None
	Elective	SPED8934	Language and Literacy Interventions for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Learners	Semester 2	10	5	5	SPED8933
R000124: Deaf Hard of Hearing	Specialisation	SPED8935	Social Perspectives on Deafness and Deaf Education	Semester 1	10	6	6	None, Hurdle
R000124: Deaf Hard of Hearing	Specialisation	SPED8910	Critical Reflection and Professional Experience for Teachers in Sensory Disability	Semester	10	7	7	None
	Core	SPED8913	Research in Sensory Disability	Semester 1 and 2	10	8	8	None
Sensory Disability (SD) Specialisation (R000128)	Unit type	Unit code	Unit name	Semester offered	Credit points	Sequence	Semester of study	Prerequisites
	Core	SPED8911	Inclusion and Professional Collaboration in Sensory Disability	Semester 2	10	1	1	None
R000128: Sensory Disability	Specialisation	SPED8926	Foundational Studies in Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 1	10	2	2	None
	Elective	SPED8923	Literacy for Learners with Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 2	10	3	3	SPED8926, Hurdle
	Elective	SPED8927	Advanced Studies in Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 2	10	3	3	None
R000128: Sensory Disability	Specialisation	SPED8935	Social Perspectives on Deafness and Deaf Education	Semester 1	10	4	4	None, Hurdle
	Elective	SPED8912	Independent Project in Sensory Disability	Semester 1 and 2	10	5	5	20cp from SPED8909-SPED8935 & special approval
	Elective	SPED8925	Technology in Blindness/Low Vision	Semester 2	10	5	5	SPED8926
R000128: Sensory Disability	Specialisation	SPED8914	Perspectives in Disability	Semester 1	10	6	6	Special approval
R000128: Sensory Disability	Specialisation	SPED8909	Critical Reflection and Professional Experience for Practitioners in Sensory Disability	Semester 1 and 2	10	7	7	40cp
	Core	SPED8913	Research in Sensory Disability	Semester 1	10	8	8	None

¹ Current at 06/12/2023: details are indicative and may be subject to change. Please check course information on NextSense at Macquarie University's Master of Disability Studies course page: <https://www.nextsense.org.au/professional-education/postgraduate-study>