Per the Nevada State Department of Education: To receive an endorsement to teach in a program for students with gifts and talents, you must: (1) hold a license for the level of education in which the program is offered; AND (2) have two years verified experience as a teacher in schools approved by the department.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Meet all admission requirements for UNLV Graduate College and the Department of Special Education.

2. Complete all of the following core courses required by the Department of Special Education.
   - ESP 701 Introduction to Special Education and Legal Issues
   - ESP 722 Multicultural Perspectives in Special Education
   - EPY 702 Research Methods

3. Complete the following courses in Assessment.
   - ESP 763q Seminar in SpEd Topics: Data-based Decision Making Growth Models

4. Complete the following course in Technology.
   - CIT 601 Technology Applications Elementary Curriculum/Secondary Curriculum

5. Complete four of the following core courses in Gifted Education (All of these courses may be used for a Nevada endorsement to teach in a program for gifted and talented pupils.)
   - ESP 741 Introduction to the Gifted (prerequisite to all courses)
   - ESP 742 Dimensions of Giftedness
   - ESP 743 Teaching Models in the Education of the Gifted
   - ESP 745 Experiential Learning in Gifted Education
   - ESP 746 Creativity in Gifted Education
   - ESP 747 Contemporary Considerations in Education of the Gifted
   - ESP 717g Seminar in Advanced Curriculum Development

6. Complete the following course in Gifted Education Fieldwork.
   - ESP 720 Field Experience in Special Education--Gifted (9 credits)

7. Pass Master’s Comprehensive Examination (During the final semester of course work.)

**Note #1:** Submit proposed Graduate Degree Program to the Graduate College prior to completing 12 credit hours of work toward the degree.

**Note #2:** Read ACADEMIC POLICIES in the UNLV Graduate Catalog. “All graduate students are held responsible for the requirements and academic policies established by the Graduate College and outlined in…the catalog.”

All students must be fingerprinted prior to Fieldwork. Please contact Nancy Brown (895-1397) the semester before you intend to do fieldwork for more information on finger printing.

CONTACT THE FIELD PLACEMENT OFFICE (http://education.unlv.edu/ofe/) FOR FIELD WORK APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES. ALL CRITERIA MUST BE MET PRIOR TO FIELD WORK.