

Graduate Certificate in Special Education

This certificate prepares personnel working in education settings to develop expertise for working with students with special needs. It enables educators to develop expertise in learner characteristics (e.g., gifted, autism, early childhood) and/or instructional practices in teaching and learning (e.g., behavior management, intervention & instruction, collaboration & consultation, assessment, mathematics, reading).

Requirements

Students complete a set 12 hour (4 courses) program of study. Courses can be taken in any order. Students eligible for the certificate program must hold a bachelor's degree in the field of education, special education, or related services. Eligible students may or may not be concurrently enrolled in a graduate program.

Required 12 hours: students may choose any four courses from the lists of electives below.

NOTE: if the student has not taken SPC_ED 7300 Introduction to Special Education as part of their undergraduate program, they will need to take this as a first elective.

Gifted

SPC_ED 8406	Differentiating Instruction: Reaching Gifted, Typical and Struggling Learners	3
SPC_ED 8391	Curriculum Methods for Gifted and Talented Students	3
SPC_ED 8380	Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students	3
SPC_ED 8405	Assessment and Evaluation in Gifted Education	3

Autism

SPC_ED 8601	Introduction to Autism	3
SPC_ED 8602	Methods of Instruction for Students with Autism	3
SPC_ED 8603	Social Competency for Students with Autism	3
SPC_ED 8604	Autism without Co-occurring Intellectual Disability	3
SPC_ED 8605	Young Children with Autism	3
SPC_ED 8606	Assessment in Autism, Special Education	3

Early Childhood

SPC_ED 8485	Introduction and Methods of Early Intervention	3
SPC_ED 8495	Introduction and Methods of Early Childhood Special Education	2-3
SPC_ED 8490	Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education	3
SPC_ED 8605	Young Children with Autism	3

Behavior Management in Education Settings

SPC_ED 7310	Behavioral and Classroom Management	3
SPC_ED 8440	Advanced Behavior Management: Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPC_ED 7320	Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education	3

SPC_ED 8XXX	Advanced Behavior Analysis for Instruction (Course in Development)	3
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Intervention and Instruction

SPC_ED 7320	Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education	3
SPC_ED 7370	Literacy in Special Education	3
SPC_ED 7380	Methods in Cross-Categorical Special Education	4
SPC_ED 8330	Advanced Teaching Mathematics in Special Education	3

Other

SPC_ED 7330	Collaboration and Consultation in Special Education	3
SPC_ED 7390	Transition in Special Education	3
SPC_ED 7375	Cross Categorical Special Education	3

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