SPECIAL EDUCATION, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science: Major in Special Education

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Curriculum Preparatory for Learning and Behavior Specialist I in Special Education

This program is designed to prepare special education teachers for students ages 3-21. An applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (A = 4.0), a minimum of 50 hours of prior experience with individuals with disabilities, and sophomore or higher standing upon enrollment in the program. A minimum of 125 semester hours of credit is required for graduation. To proceed to the five semester professional education sequence, students must have completed all degree requirements outside of the professional education coursework.

Students pursuing teacher licensure programs in the College of Education (COE) must meet requirements in a series of sequential gateways. Included in the gateway requirements are successful completion of specified coursework, achievement of appropriate grade point averages, requirements for clinical experiences, and appropriate tests for the licensure area. Meeting all Gateway requirements leads to degree and licensure completion.

In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates are required to maintain University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, cumulative, content area, and professional education grade-point averages of 2.5 (A = 4.0). Candidates in teaching licensure programs must maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework. Candidates should consult their advisor or the Council on Teacher Education for the list of courses used to compute these grade-point averages. For teacher education licensure requirements applicable to all curricula, see the Council on Teacher Education. (http://www.cote.illinois.edu/)

Licensure requirements are subject to change without notice as a result of new mandates from the Illinois State Board of Education or the Illinois General Assembly.

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Degree Requirements

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Composition I
Advanced composition. Students are encouraged to select a course that will also meet a requirement in another general education area.¹

Language other than English
Three years of one language other than English in high school or completion of the third semester of college-level language

Humanities/Arts
SPED 117 The Culture of Disability 3
Humansities/Arts elective 3

Cultural Studies ³
One Western/Comparative Culture(s)
One US Minority Culture(s)
One Non-Western Culture(s)

Natural Sciences and Technology ³
Life and/or Physical Sciences 6

Social/Behavioral Sciences
Select one of the following: 4
| PSYC 100 | Intro Psych                      |
| PSYC 103 | Intro Experimental Psych        |
| KIN 262  | Motor Develop, Growth & Form    |

Quantitative Reasoning ³
Quantitative Reasoning I (MATH 103 is recommended) 3-4
Quantitative Reasoning I or II ³ 3

Electives
Elective courses (if needed to complete the 125 hour graduate requirement) 2-8

Professional Education Requirements
EDUC 201 & EDUC 202 Identity and Difference in Education and Social Justice, School and Society (or program-approved equivalent courses) 6
Select one of the following: 3
| PSYC 216 | Child Psych                      |
| EPSY 201 | Educational Psychology          |
| HDHS 105 | Intro to Human Development      |

or other approved course

SHS 320 Development of Spoken Language 3
EDPR 250 School & Community Experiences (LBS) 4
EDPR 420 School Access & Supports (LBE) 6
EDPR 420 School Access & Supports (LBS) 6
EDPR 420 School Access & Supports (LBT) 6
CI 431 Teaching Elementary Mathematics 4
CI 475 Teaching Elementary Reading and Language Arts I 4

Special Education Core Requirements
SPED 317 Characteristics & Eligibility 3
SPED 424 Foundations of Assessment 3
SPED 426 Collaboration and Teaming 3
SPED 431 Assistive Technology and Physical Disabilities 2
SPED 438 Collaborating with Families 3
SPED 440 Instructional Strategies I 4
SPED 441 Instructional Strategies II 4

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 11/2021
SPED 444  Career Development and Transition  3
SPED 446  Curriculum Development I  4
SPED 447  Curriculum Development II  4
SPED 448  Curriculum Development III  4
SPED 461  Alternative and Augmentative Communication and Literacy  3
SPED 470  Learning Environments I  3
SPED 471  Learning Environments II  3

Total Hours 125

TOTAL minimum hours include general education and professional education credits.  

1. Applicants may contact the Department of Special Education for further information on the prior experience requirement.
2. Six hours of ROTC upper level courses (300 level or above) can count toward the degree as free electives.
3. General Education Requirement: Courses must be selected from the Campus General Education Approved Course List.
4. The total hours required for the degree may be higher for students who do not complete the language other than English requirement in high school.