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\(^1\), and sophomore or higher standing upon enrollment in the program. A minimum of 125\(^2\) 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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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

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.