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Program of Study— Special Education Alternative Licensure

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hrs
Summer 1		
EDUA 689	Introduction to Teaching & Early Field Experience	3
EDUA 689 I	Introduction to Teaching & Early Field Experience (Internship)	2
SPEA 521	Exceptional Children: Characteristics & Methods for Supporting Learning in the General Education Classroom	3
	Total for Summer	8
Fall 1		
SPEA 691	Assessment & Individualized Planning in SPED	3
EDUA 533	Reading/Writing Instruction & Improvement	3
SPEA 699	Seminar in Special Education	1
SPEA 706	Residency in Special Education	2
	Total for Fall	9
Spring 1		
SPEA 659	Managing Challenging Behavior	3
EDUA 566	Teaching Mathematics for Elementary & Middle Level	3
SPEA 699	Seminar in Special Education	1
SPEA 706	Residency in Special Education	2
	Total for Spring	9
Summer 2		
SPEA 664	Curriculum & Methods for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities	3
SPEA 690	Evidence Based Instruction for Students w/ Disabilities	3
EDUA 589	Cognition, Learning & Assessment (Redesigned to include child development and educational psychology)	3
	Total for Summer	9
	TOTAL For PEL/MSPED	35
Optional 2nd Year Courses for ESL Approval		
Fall and/or Spring		
EDUA 654	Assessing English Language Learners	3
EDUA 657	Foundations of Language Teaching and Learning	3
SPEA 706	Residency in Special Education* (<i>only if indicated by Principal & EPP Coordinator</i>)	(2*)
	TOTAL for PEL, MSSPED, & ESL Approval	6

Candidates in the Special Education (MSSPED) Program and the Special Education BA/BS Program and earning the Learning Behavior Specialist I (K-22) Professional Educator License program will earn the Early Childhood Special Education Approval.

The required four areas of standards for the Early Childhood Special Education Approval are addressed and covered in the following courses as outlined below.

AREA - Early childhood special education assessment

COURSES

SEDU 370 – Planning and Assessment in Special Education

SPED 663 – Planning and Assessment in Special Education

SPEA 691 – Planning and Assessment in Special Education

AREA - Methods of instruction in early childhood special education

COURSES

SEDU 376 – Academic Methods for Elementary and Middle level Students with Disabilities

SPED 662 – Academic Methods of Special Education

SPEA 690 – Evidence Based Instruction for Students with Disabilities

AREA - Development of language in the young child

COURSES

EDUC 373 – Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom

EDUA 533 – Reading and Writing Instruction and Improvement

AREA - Child, family, and community relationships

COURSES

EDUC 332 – Cognition, Learning, and Assessment

EDUA 589 (for SPED candidates only) – Cognition, Learning, and Assessment