

Special Education PK-12

Degree: Master of Education (M.Ed.)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment, and number of courses successfully completed each semester. As a graduate student, you may take more or less credits per semester as needed to meet your individual needs.

Sample Plan- There are three concentrations within this program. This serves only as one example.

First Year					
Summer Courses	Credits	Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ELL532 Communication and Education Strategies for ELLs	3	SPEC529 Technology for Individuals with Exceptionalities SPEC506 Positive Behavior Supports	3	SPEC535 Literacy Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities	3
SPEC527 Introduction to Early Intervention	3	SPEC530 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	SPEC540 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities PK-8	3
		SPEC575 Current Issues in Special Education	3	SPEC506 Positive Behavior Supports	3
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	9	Semester Total	9

Second Year					
Summer Courses	Credits	Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
SPEC572 Special Education Law	3	SPEC541 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities 7-12	3	Capstone (Graduate Practicum or Student Teaching or Student Teaching with Seminar)	3-9 credits
SPEC573 Curricular Design for Inclusive Education	3	SPEC545 Supporting Students with Complex Instructional Needs	3	Research in Special Education	3
		SPEC549 Assessment for Individualized Evaluation and Instruction	3		
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	9	Semester Total	6-12

Curriculum Checklist

Special Education Courses: Master Core (12 credits)

- SPEC572 Special Education Law (3)
- SPEC573 Curricular Design for Inclusive Education (3)
- SPEC575 Current Issues in Special Education (3)
- SPEC565 Research in Special Education (3)

Special Education Courses: PK-12 Certification Requirements (30 credits)

- ELL532 Communication and Educational Strategies for ELLs
- SPEC506 Positive Behavior Supports (3)
- SPEC527 Introduction to Early Intervention (3)
- SPEC529 Technology for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- SPEC530 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- SPEC535 Literacy Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- SPEC540 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities PK-8 (3)
- SPEC541 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities 7-12 (3)
- SPEC545 Supporting Students with Complex Instructional Needs (3)
- SPEC549 Assessment for Individualized Evaluation and Instruction (3)

Special Education Capstone Courses: Field Experience (3-9 credits)

- SPEC489 Student Teaching Seminar (3)- For Initial certification
- SPEC492 Special Education Student Teaching (6)- For Initial Certification

OR

- SPEC579 Graduate Practicum (3)- For Advanced Certification