Not all students learn in the same way. That's why special education teachers are vital to schools. With a special education degree for grades K-12, you'll be qualified to teach exceptional students of all ages. By studying behaviors and how these students learn, you'll have a better understanding of them and will be prepared to become a special education teacher. With a long-standing, excellent reputation for our education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in special education.

If you choose the special education (K-12) field endorsement, you are not required to choose any other endorsements to receive your B.A. or B.S.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12**
*(FIELD ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH GRADES K-12)*

**Skills Learned**
- Inclusive learning strategies
- Provisions for exceptional learners
- Understanding special education laws
- Engaging all learners in various classroom settings
- Monitoring and assessment
- Social, emotional, and behavior development
- Consulting and collaborating
- Teaching intermediate reading
- Human development and cognition
- Teaching and instruction methods

**Possible Careers**
- Elementary school teacher
- Middle school teacher
- High school teacher
- Special education teacher
- Learning coach
- After-school program manager
- Youth worker
- In-home tutor
- Behavioral specialist
- Guidance counselor
- Educational consultant

**Types of Employers**
- Elementary schools
- Middle schools
- High schools
- Community programs
- Government programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Education / learning centers
- Special education centers
- Rehabilitation centers
- Disability and behavioral health centers

**Activities / Opportunities**
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

**Clubs / Organizations**
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Early Childhood Association
- Student Council for Exceptional Children
- Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN)

**FAST FACTS**

**Hours:**
120 total hours for endorsement

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Counseling

**Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required

**Recommended pairings:**
- English as a Second Language (ESL), Reading and Writing (PK-6 or 7-12)

Visit [www.wsc.edu/clubs](http://www.wsc.edu/clubs) to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

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SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. For questions about this content, please see your advisor. Additional endorsements (field, subject, or supplemental) or at least 9 additional hours will be needed to reach the 120-hour minimum graduation requirement.

It is recommended that students satisfactorily complete the Core exam during freshman year.

FRESHMAN
EDU 150 Intro to Professional Education ......................................................... 3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1)................................. 3
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communications (General Studies CAT 2) ................................................................................................. 3
SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education .................................................... 3
SPD 200 Inclusive Learning Strategies ............................................................ 3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 5, CAT 6, CAT 7, and CAT 8 ......................... 15

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 250.

SOPHOMORE
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition ............................................. 3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design ............................................................... 3
*MAT 210 Math for Elementary School Teachers (General Studies CAT 3) ................................................................................................. 3
MAT 215 Math for Elementary School Teachers II ...................................... 3
SPD 252 Foundations of K-6 (fall only) .............................................................. 3
SPD 254 Foundations of 7-12 (spring only) ....................................................... 3
SPD 300 Bias, Stereotype, and Prejudice in Education .................................. 3
SPD 302 Inclusive Practices ........................................................................... 3
General Studies CAT 9 and CAT 10 ............................................................... 6

Advancement to Level 2: Acceptance to Educator Preparation Candidacy is required for enrollment in EDU/SPD 300-400 level courses.

*Additional math may be necessary if ACT is less than 19.

JUNIOR
CNA 451 Speech Pathology (fall only) ............................................................ 3
EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School ................................................................. 3
EDU 341 Intermediate Reading ...................................................................... 3
SPD 332 Special Education Law .................................................................... 3
SPD 352 Assess/Evaluation and the IEP K-12 ................................................. 3
SPD 361 Clinical Experience Special Education........................................... 3
SPD 435 Social/Emotional Development, Behavior Intervention, and Elementary Classroom Management ................................................. 3
SPD 436 Social/Emotional Development, Behavior Intervention, and Secondary Classroom Management .................................................. 3
Electives or additional endorsement courses .............................................. 6

SENIOR
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elem/Middle School ......... 3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment ......................................................................... 3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elem/Middle School ................... 3
EDU 432 Development of Math in the Elem/Middle School ......................... 3
SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration ...................................................... 3
Elective or additional endorsement course ................................................ 3

Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice
SPD 458 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education K-6 .......... 6
SPD 460 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education 7-12 ......... 6

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II content test designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

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