

# SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST

## Subject endorsement to teach grades 7-12

Not all students learn in the same way. That’s why special education teachers are vital to schools. You’ll get to help kids who need a little extra attention and guidance. Adding a Special Education subject endorsement to your Education degree will qualify you to teach students with exceptionalities in junior high and high school. With a longstanding, excellent reputation for our Education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in special education.

*The Special Education Generalist (7-12) subject endorsement is not a standalone program. You must also select a second subject endorsement or field endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.*

## fast facts

- Hours:** 27 hours for endorsement

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. In addition to this subject endorsement, you must add a second subject endorsement or a field endorsement to meet degree and graduation requirements. Adding a supplemental endorsement is optional.*
- Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.
- Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership
- School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required
- Recommended pairings:** Special Education Generalist (K-6), Elementary Education (K-8), Middle Level Education (5-9)

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Inclusive learning strategies
- Educational 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
- Human development and cognition
- Teaching and instruction methods

### Possible Careers

- 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

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

## outside the classroom



### Activities / Opportunities

- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Peer tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

- Early Childhood Association
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Student Council for Exceptional Children

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. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

This is the set of classes required for a Special Education (7-12) subject endorsement. In addition to choosing the Special Education (7-12) subject endorsement, you will also need to choose a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

A grade of C or above is required in each course.

Required courses

SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education .....	3
SPD 254 Instructional Methods for Special Education 7-12 (prereq: SPD 160) ( <i>spring only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 255 Functional Curriculum and Instructional Methods (prereqs: SPD 160, and SPD 252 or SPD 254) ( <i>fall only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-Teaching in General Education .....	3
SPD 332 Special Education Law (prereqs: SPD 160, SPD 252 or SPD 254, and SPD 255) ( <i>spring only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 352 Assessment, Evaluation, and the IEP K-12 (prereqs: SPD 160, SPD 252 or SPD 254, and SPD 255) ( <i>spring only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning 7-12 .....	3
SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration ( <i>fall only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 461 Practicum in Special Education (100-hour field experience) (prereqs: SPD 160, SPD 252 or SPD 254, and SPD 255) .....	3

Professional Education Courses Sequence: 18 hours

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education .....	3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy (take with EDU 250 or first semester at WSC) .....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition (prereq: EDU 150; coreq: EDU 245) .....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design (prereq: EDU 150; EDU 250 must be taken prior or concurrently) .....	3
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice) .....	0
SPD 460 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education 7-12 .....	6
Approved elective from the following: CED 417 Principles of Career Education, CED 423 Coordinating Techniques (this plus work experience adds Work-Based Learning endorsement), CNA 451 Speech Pathology, EDU 318 Professional Communication, EDU 350 The Middle Level Teacher, SOC 245 Race and Ethnic Relations .....	3

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