

# EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSIVE EDUCATION BIRTH TO GRADE 3

## Paired with Special Education Generalist K-6

Prepare to be a teacher of the youngest ages and students with exceptionalities by combining the Early Childhood Inclusive (birth to grade 3) and Special Education Generalist (K-6) endorsements. Not all students learn in the same way, which is why special education teachers are vital to schools. You'll get to help kids who need a little extra attention and guidance. With a longstanding, excellent reputation for our Education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in special education.

*The Early Childhood Inclusive (birth to grade 3) field endorsement and the Special Education Generalist (K-6) subject endorsement are commonly paired together.*

## fast facts

### Hours:

142 total hours for pairing

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add electives or a minor to help meet these requirements.*

**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

**Other recommended pairings:** Reading and Writing (PK-6), English as a Second Language (ESL)

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- 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
- Teaching intermediate reading
- Human development and cognition
- Teaching and instruction methods

### Possible Careers

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

### Types of Employers

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

## outside the classroom



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

### 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

# Sample program of study

2023-24 Academic Year

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 a sample program for a special education generalist (K-6) subject endorsement paired with an early childhood inclusive (birth to grade 3) field endorsement.**

## Freshman

CNA 100 Principles of Communications (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education.....	3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1) .....	3
FCS 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	2
FCS 220 Infants and Toddlers (prereq: FCS 120).....	3
*MAT 210 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers or as advised (General Studies CAT 3).....	3
SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education .....	3
SPD 252 Instructional Methods for Special Education K-6 (prereq: SPD 160).....	3
General Studies CAT 4.....	3
General Studies CAT 7.....	3
General Studies CAT 9.....	3

\*Additional math required if Math ACT is less than 19.

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 245.

## Sophomore

EDU 216 Children's Literature.....	3
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems.....	2
EDU 230 Integrating Creative Arts for Children (fall only) .....	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
FCS 335 The Pre-School Age Child (prereq: FCS 120).....	3
MAT 215 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II.....	3
SPD 255 Functional Curriculum and Instructional Strategies (prereqs: SPD 160 and SPD 252 or SPD 254) .....	3
SPD 260 Characteristics: Birth to Age 8 (spring only) .....	1
General Studies CAT 5.....	3
General Studies CAT 6 (ENG 150 or 280) .....	3

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

## Junior

EDU 303 Developmentally Appropriate Practices for the Young Child (spring only).....	3
EDU 332 Developing Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School (prereq: EDU 340 or EDU 341 or concurrent enrollment) .....	3
EDU 340 Early Reading (prereq: EDU 216).....	3
FCS 325 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child (fall).....	3
FCS 412 Guiding the Young Child (prereqs: FCS 335, junior standing).....	3
FCS 430 Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Programs (spring) (prereq: FCS 120, 220, 335) .....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education .....	3
SPD 332 Special Education Law.....	3
SPD 352 Assessment, Evaluation, and IEP K-12 (prereqs: SPD 160, SPD 252 or SPD 254, and SPD 255) .....	3
General Studies CAT 10.....	3

## Senior

EDU 320 Instructional Media and Technology.....	2
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment (prereq: EDU 340 or EDU 341).....	3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elementary and Middle School .....	3
EDU 432 Development of Mathematics in the Elementary and Middle School...3	
EDU 435 Practicum Experience II (prereq: EDU 335 or EDU 414 or FCS 412).....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (take semester before clinical practice).....	0
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6.....	3
SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration .....	3
SPD 461 Practicum in Special Education (prereqs: SPD 160, SPD 252 or SPD 254, and SPD 255).....	3
General Studies CAT 8.....	3
Approved elective in Professional Education core (choose one: EDU 318, EDU 350, CNA 451, HUS 202, HUS 218, SOC 245 .....	3

### Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 450 Clinical Practice and Seminar in Early Childhood .....	12
SPD 458 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Ed K-6.....	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](http://www.education.ne.gov).

## education faculty



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