

# SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST

## Subject endorsement to teach grades K-6

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 kindergarten through grade 6. 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 (K-6) 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:** 36 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

**Popular pairings:** Elementary Education (K-6), Early Childhood Inclusive Education (Birth - Grade 3)

## 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
- School counselor
- Educational consultant

### 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

### Clubs / Organizations

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

# Sample program of study

2024-25 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 the set of classes required for a Special Education (K-6) subject endorsement. In addition to choosing the Special Education (K-6) subject endorsement, you will also need to choose a field endorsement or second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

## Required Courses

EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School .....	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
SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education .....	3
SPD 252 Instructional Methods for Special Education K-6 ( <i>spring only</i> ) .....	3
SPD 255 Functional Curriculum and Instructional Methods ( <i>fall only</i> ).....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-Teaching in General Education .....	3
SPD 332 Special Education Law ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
SPD 352 Assessment, Evaluation, and the IEP K-12 ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6.....	3
SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration ( <i>fall only</i> ).....	3
SPD 461 Practicum in Special Education (100-hour field experience).....	3

## Professional Education Courses Sequence (24 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.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
EDU 340 Early Reading.....	3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment .....	3
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice).....	0
SPD 458 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education K-6.....	6
Approved course from the following: CNA 451 Speech Pathology, EDU 318 Professional Communication, EDU 350 The Middle Level Teacher, HUS 202 Introduction to Human Services, HUS 218 Personal Growth, SOC 245 Race and Ethnic Relations.....	3

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment 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).

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