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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Subject endorsement (graduate level)

The Special Education subject endorsement program is designed for graduate students with a current teaching certificate who want to expand their ability to support students with disabilities. This endorsement is intended for those with a current teaching certificate in an area other than Special Education who want to add a Special Education subject endorsement at either the K–8 and/or 6–12 level, as well as those with a current teaching certificate in one level of Special Education who want to add the other subject endorsement level. Coursework emphasizes evidence-based instructional strategies, differentiated teaching methods, and assessment practices that guide high-quality IEP development. Educators also build practical skills in behavior support, collaboration, and co-teaching, while strengthening their understanding of special education law, compliance, and program administration. This endorsement option does not lead to a Master of Science in Education and can include undergraduate coursework as approved by an advisor. The total credit hours vary based on your current level of certification and the level of Special Education subject endorsement desired.

fast facts

Endorsement offered: Non-degree subject endorsement in Special Education (K-8 and/or 6-12)

Note: This endorsement is only available to graduate students with two years of teaching experience.

Credit hours: 30

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.90 + $165.55 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Inclusive teaching strategies and best practices
- Differentiated instruction for diverse learners
- IEP development and implementation
- MTSS and classroom supports
- UDL and assistive technology basics
- Behavior support and classroom management
- Functional behavior assessment and intervention
- Special education law and program procedures
- Collaboration and co-teaching models
- Culturally responsive assessment practices

Possible Careers

- Special education teacher
- Inclusive classroom teacher
- Resource teacher
- Special education case manager
- Co-teaching support teacher
- Behavior support or PBIS team member
- MTSS/RTI support specialist
- Special ed program coordinator
- Assistive technology specialist

Types of Employers

- Public and private schools
- Literacy and curriculum teams
- Special education cooperatives
- Educational service units and intermediate agencies
- Alternative education and behavioral support programs
- District special education departments
- Student support programs

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Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Special Education subject endorsement (30 credit hours)

EDU 621 Education Program Orientation	0
SPD 520 Best Practices in Special Education Methods	3
SPD 522 Teaching Exceptional Learners in Inclusive Classrooms	3
SPD 545 Assessment Guiding IEP Development	3
SPD 565 Differentiated Methodology	3
SPD 611 Organization and Administration of Special Education	3
SPD 630 History and Characteristics of Exceptionalities	3
SPD 636 Social/Emotional Behavior	3
SPD 652 Collaboration and Co-Teaching	3
SPD 540 Program Design in Special Education	2
SPD 560 Differentiation, Modifications, and Transition	3
Choose one of the following	1
SPD 561 Practicum in Special Education K-8 (1)	
SPD 562 Practicum in Special Education 6-12 (1)	

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