2026-27 Academic Year

HIGH ABILITY EDUCATION (K-12)

Supplemental endorsement (graduate level)

Wayne State offers a non-degree endorsement in High Ability Education (PK–12). A high ability learner is a student whose ability is more advanced than that of their peers. This specialized endorsement equips educators to meet the unique academic and social-emotional needs of gifted and high ability students through effective differentiation, enrichment, and advanced learning opportunities. You'll gain practical strategies for fostering intellectual growth, supporting motivation and confidence, and helping students thrive alongside their peers. The endorsement also strengthens your ability to design, implement, and evaluate high ability programs that support student success across grade levels. Earning a High Ability Education endorsement enhances your professional versatility and demonstrates your commitment to maximizing the potential of every learner.

fast facts

Endorsement offered: Non-degree supplemental endorsement in High Ability Education (K-12)

Note: This endorsement is only available to graduate students who hold a current teaching certificate and want to add a high ability education endorsement.

Credit hours: 18

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

- Understanding high-ability learner needs
- Program design and evaluation for gifted and high ability learners
- Advanced curriculum and lesson design
- Social-emotional support strategies
- Identification and assessment tools
- Differentiation, enrichment, and acceleration
- Advanced learning placement options
- Creativity and critical thinking lesson planning

Possible Careers

- High ability / gifted education teacher
- High ability program coordinator
- Gifted education specialist
- Instructional coach for advanced learning
- District resource teacher
- Curriculum specialist
- Intervention/enrichment teacher

Types of Employers

- Public and private schools
- Gifted / high ability programs
- Advanced learning academies
- Educational service units and regional agencies
- School improvement teams
- Curriculum support teams
- Summer enrichment programs
- Education nonprofits

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com*.

Accredited by CAEP
WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

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.

High Ability Education (PK-12) supplemental endorsement (18 credit hours)

EDU 621 Education Program Orientation	0
SPD 510 Introduction to High Ability Learners	3
SPD 600 Supporting the Social, Emotional, and Guidance Needs of the High Ability Learners	3
SPD 605 Identification and Assessment of High Ability Learners	3
SPD 612 Curriculum Design and Methods for High Ability Learners	3
SPD 622 Program Design for High Ability Learners	3
SPD 633 Practicum in High Ability Learners	3

Licensure/certification information:

Wayne State's High Ability Education supplemental endorsement for graduate students is designed to prepare you for initial teacher licensure/certification in Nebraska. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification in a state other than Nebraska, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

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