

APPLIED SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST

Prepare to teach special education students in grades K-12

Earn your bachelor's degree in special education in just three years with Wayne State College's Applied Special Education program. This focused, 92-credit degree combines online coursework with hands-on field experiences and student teaching to prepare you to teach students with disabilities in grades K-12.

You'll build expertise in individualized instruction, literacy, assessment, individualized education programs (IEPs), classroom management, and collaboration with families and other educators while gaining practical experience in real school settings.

With qualified special education teachers in continued demand across the Midwest, particularly in rural and high-need communities, this program offers a faster pathway into a meaningful career. It is designed for working adults, transfer students, those returning to finish a degree, and career changers who are ready to move into the classroom sooner.

fast facts

Total credits: 92

Degree options: B.S. in Applied Special Education Generalist

Cost: \$287.50 - \$337.70 per credit hour

Delivery format: Online coursework with in-person field experiences and student teaching

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

 Visit www.wsc.edu/applied-special-education-degree to learn more about this program.

why choose an accelerated bachelor's degree?



Fewer credits

28 fewer credits than a traditional bachelor's degree



Lower costs

Fewer credits can reduce your total tuition costs.



Less time

A shorter path can help you graduate sooner.

focus on results

Skills you'll build

- Adapting instruction to individual learning needs
- Assessing students and developing IEPs
- Inclusive teaching and co-teaching strategies
- Classroom management and behavior support
- Applying special education laws
- Collaborating with families and other professionals

Career paths

- Elementary special education teacher
- Middle school special education teacher
- High school special education teacher
- After-school program instructor
- Community education program instructor
- Tutor for students with disabilities

Program courses

2027-28 Academic Year

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.

The degree includes 30 credits of General Studies, 30 credits of content coursework, and 32 credits of professional education, including 12 credits of student teaching (Clinical Practice). Coursework covers literacy instruction, special education teaching methods, assessment and individualized education programs (IEPs), special education law, inclusive teaching, classroom management, and collaboration. Field experiences and student teaching connect your learning to practice in elementary and secondary school settings

General studies courses (30 credits)

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours that include coursework in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, along with coursework in fine arts and health and wellness.

Required General Studies courses include:

• ENG 102 Composition Skills for CAT 1	3
• CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication for CAT 2	3
• MAT 210 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I for CAT	3

Content requirements (30 credits)

• EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School	3
• EDU 340 Early Reading.....	3
• EDU 430 Literary Assessment.....	3
• SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education	3
• SPD 252 Instructional Methods for Special Education (K-8).....	3
• SPD 254 Instructional Methods for Special Education (6-12).....	3
• SPD 255 Functional Curriculum and Instructional Methods.....	3
• SPD 332 Special Education Law.....	3
• SPD 352 Assessment, Evaluation and the IEP K-12.....	3
• SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration	3

Professional education requirements (32 credits)

• EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education	3
• EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy.....	0
• EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
• EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
• EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice.....	0
• SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
• SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning (K-8).....	3
• SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning (6-12).....	3
• SPD 458 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education (K-8).....	6
• SPD 460 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Special Education (6-12).....	6
• SPD 461 Practicum in Special Education (K-8).....	1
• SPD 462 Practicum in Special Education (6-12).....	1

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