

Program of Study
Multi-Categorical Special Education
(Applicants who do not currently hold a teaching certificate in any field)

The following sequence applies to people who do not currently hold a valid teaching certificate and who are pursuing certification in special education by: (1) obtaining a Masters in special education with certification; or (2) pursuing certification only.

Students are advised to take their coursework in the order recommended below to insure that they can complete programs in a timely fashion, and to ensure eligibility for certification. Students may take up to 12 credit hours in any semester (including summer) without special permission.

Step 1: These three courses must be completed first (they can be taken concurrently).

- SPED 5323 Math Strategies for Exceptional Learners
- SPED 6320 Students with Special Learning Problems – Clinical Hours Required
- SPED 6321 Students with Special Behavior Problems

Step 2: After completion of SPED 5323, SPED 6320 and SPED 6321 the following courses may be taken.

- SPED 6322 Evaluation in Special Education
- SPED 6323 Behavioral Support for Special Students

SPED 6322 and SPED 6323 must be completed before taking SPED 6324

Step 3: SPED 6324 Instructional Strategies – Clinical Hours Required

Note: The following courses may be taken during any semester or summer school session prior to enrollment in SPED 6390.

- READ 6310 Teaching Reading to Special Learners
- READ 6315 Teaching Content in Reading
- EDUC 6301 Research in Education (Masters students only; certification only students are not required to take this course)
- EDUC 6300 Foundations of American Education
- EDUC 6302 Advanced Studies in Human Development
- EDUC 6303 Advanced Studies in Educational Psychology

Restricted content endorsement hours and all certification courses must be completed prior to SPED 6390 Special Education Practicum.

Note: The following three courses are requirements for completion of the Masters Degree. They do not affect students obtaining certification only. For students pursuing the masters the courses may be completed at any time prior to SPED 6390. EDUC 6395 will be taken in conjunction with SPED 6390 by students pursuing the Masters.

- EDUC 6301 Research in Education
- EDUC 6305 Advanced Educational Technology & Media
- Graduate elective (3 credit hours)

Step 4: SPED 6390 Special Education Practicum
EDUC 6395 Demonstration Project in Education

Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), Content Exams #0542 and 0353 must be completed with a passing score prior to application for certification. Candidates that are not completing the Masters Degree must also take the Praxis I PPST exam.