Program of Study

Prerequisites: EDSP 692* Foundations and Services for Exceptional Learners (3)

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A. CORE COURSES (24 Credits Hours; Required for all M.Ed. students)

EDUC 607 Research for Today’s Schools (3)
EDSP 600 Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
EDSP 630 Single-case Research and Ethics (3)
EDSP 635 Advanced Topics in Special Education (3)
EDSP 606 Instructional Design in Special Education (3)
EDSP 640 Behavior Management (3)
EDSP 641 Comprehensive Assessment for Exceptional Learners (3)
EDSP 697 Practicum in Special Education (3)

B. CONCENTRATION COURSES

Emotional Disabilities (6 Credit Hours)

EDSP 670 Characteristics of Learners with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities (3)
EDSP 671 Methods/Procedures for Learners with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (3)
EDSP 645 Literacy Instruction for English Learners and Students with High Incidence Disabilities (3)

Intellectual Disabilities (6 Credit Hours)

EDSP 680 Characteristics of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (3)
EDSP 681 Methods for Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities (3)
EDSP 645 Literacy Instruction for English Learners and Students with High Incidence Disabilities (3)

Learning Disabilities (6 Credit Hours)

EDSP 690 Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD): Nature and Needs (3)
EDSP 691 Instructional Procedures for Students with Learning Disabilities (3)
EDSP 645 Literacy Instruction for English Learners and Students with High Incidence Disabilities (3)

Severe Disabilities (9 Credit Hours)

EDSP 610 Characteristics of Students with Severe Disabilities (3)
EDSP 615 Instruction of Students with Severe Disabilities (3)
EDSP 620 Language and Communication Skills for Students with Severe Disabilities (3)

Twice Exceptional (12 Credit Hours)


EDSP 608 Nature and Needs of Students who are Gifted and Talented (3)
EDSP 609 Curriculum and Instruction for Students who are Gifted and Talented (3)
*Students pursuing Twice Exceptional Concentration must also complete concentration coursework in either Emotional Disabilities or Learning Disabilities as indicated above.

*EDSP 692 may be waived for candidates who have taken Introduction to Special Education or its equivalent at the undergraduate or graduate level