



# M.S. in Education with Special Education Certification Option

Listed below are courses to be taken to complete your Master's Degree. As you progress through the program, please keep an account of the courses taken. At any given time, if you need to verify a course, please contact your advisor. Also, please contact your advisor prior to the last semester to complete a preliminary graduation audit.

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**Special Education PreK-8 Option:** Candidates with previous PA certificates in early childhood N-3, elementary K-6 or PreK-4, middle school 4-8, K-12 and certified reading specialists are eligible for this option.

**Special Education 7-12 Option:** Candidates with previous PA certificates in secondary education 7-12 (content areas), K-12 and certified reading specialists are eligible for this option.

If a student is planning to pursue both Special Education Certification grade bands please refer to the additional requirements found on the program webpage found at <http://www.wilkes.edu/academics/graduate-programs/masters-programs/graduate-education/programs/special-education.aspx>. Any student who plans to pursue the additional certification must contact their advisor prior to initiating this process.

### Credits Required for Program Completion:

Certification Only: 30 Credits  
 Student must notify Program Coordinator if only seeking certification.  
*Courses designated with \* are the required courses for state certification*

Master's Degree with Certification: 39 Credits  
*\*If seeking the Master's Degree with Certification EDAM 5066, ESL 504, and ED 569 have to be taken through Wilkes and/or transferred into your program as approved graduate course(s) from another accredited college/university\**

Prerequisite courses or their equivalents may be completed at the undergraduate (for those only seeking certification) or graduate level, online or face-to-face. Candidates may receive credit for the certification competencies completed through previous program coursework. Prerequisite courses can be completed at any time prior to applying to the state for special education certification.

Semester/Year Completed

### PREREQUISITE COURSES: 9 Credits

- \*EDAM 5066: Accommodations and Adaptations in Literacy for Diverse Learners \_\_\_\_\_
- \*ESL 504: Intercultural Communication for Language Teachers \_\_\_\_\_
- \*ED 569: Teaching Diverse Learners Using Inclusive Classroom Practices \_\_\_\_\_

### CORE COURSES: 12 Credits

- \*ED 510: Psychological Foundations \_\_\_\_\_
- ED 519 Issues, Laws & Trends in Ed \_\_\_\_\_
- ED 522: Curriculum and Instruction \_\_\_\_\_
- ED 585: Integrating Technology into the Curriculum \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES: 15 credits (Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances are required for field experiences)

- \*EDSP 501: Sp Ed Meth I w/Field Exp. (20 hrs.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \*EDSP 502: Sp Ed Meth II w/Field Exp. (20 hrs.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \*EDSP 503: Behavior Mgt w/Field Exp. (20 hrs.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \*EDSP 504: Assessment in Sp Ed \_\_\_\_\_
- \*EDSP 505: Effective Practices in Sp Ed \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL ED INTERNSHIP: 3 Credits Must be taken as the final EDSP course or in conjunction with the final EDSP course. **ADVISOR MUST GIVE PERMISSION TO REGISTER FOR THE INTERNSHIP.**

- \*EDSP 506 Internship in Sp Ed (100 hrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Credits Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRD 000B: Graduation (Fee required)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please contact your advisor prior to the last semester to obtain a graduation audit. Remember, you must register for GRD 000B to graduate.*