



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) _____