

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

General Special Education

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Certification in K-12 General Special Education is a single major or can be combined with the K-6 Elementary Education Certification. Combining the two majors result in 1 16-week Elementary placements and an additional 8-week student teaching placement in Special Education.

The content area courses follow the requirements of the Elementary Education certification to give the candidate the breadth of knowledge consistent with a K-12 certification.

MT151 College Algebra

EN204 Introduction to American Literature

EN232 The Teaching of Writing

HS308 From Sea to Shining Sea: the Geography of the United States

HS319 History of New England

PO201 US Government

HS202 American History or

HS204 US History

M.Ed./Teacher Certification in General Special Education

Required Education Courses

	Course	Field Hours	Credits	M.Ed. w/Cert	M.Ed. Only	Cert. Only
ED501	Graduate Teacher Education Program Orientation		2	X	X	-
ED506	Educational Psychology		3	X	X	X
ED505	Teaching and Learning in a Democratic Society		3	X	X	X
ED510	Design and Management of the Learning Environment	30	3	X	X	X
ED515	Primary Literacy	15	3	X	X	X
ED518	Methods in Teaching Mathematics	15	3	X	X	X
ED508	Introduction to Assessment		3	X	X	X

ED509	Understanding and Teaching Exceptional Learners	15	3	X	X	X
ED512	Special Education Law		3	X	X	X
ED540	Assessments/ Identification of the Exceptional Learner	15	3	X	X	X
ED541	IEPs and Instructional Considerations	15	3	X	X	X
ED526	Best Practices in Secondary Context	30	3	X	-	X
ED545	Effective Consultation and Communication		3	X	X	X
ED516	Teaching Literacy across the Curriculum	15	3	X	X	X
ED578	Action Research in the Classroom (required for Certification)		3	X	X	X
ED562A	Student Teaching for General Special Education		3	X	-	X
ED562B	Student Teaching for General Special Education		3	X	-	X
ED574	Student Teaching Seminar (to be taken with ED562 A&B)		1	X	-	X
ED585	Student Research Capstone		1	-	X	-
	Total Credits			51	42	49

Total field hours prior to student teaching 135 hours

ED462 GSE Student Teaching (10 weeks) 14

ED463 GSE Student Teaching Seminar 1

Total Credits: 60

Specific Testing for Certification
Basic Academic Skills Assessment (BASA)

Recommended Curriculum Guide - General Special Education

First Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
ED105	Educational Psychology	3	ED112	Teaching and Learning in a Democratic Society	3
GLE101	First-Year Inquiry Seminar	3	EN204	Intro to American Literature	3
GLE110	First-Year Composition	3	MT 151	College Algebra	3
MT130	Math for K-8 Educators	3	HS202 or 204	U.S. History	3
PO201	US Government	3	_____	GLE Natural Science	4
	Total	15		Total	16
Second Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
ED224	Design and Management of the Learning Environment	3	ED312	Understanding and Teaching Exceptional Learners	3
ED231	Primary Literacy	3	ED314	Scientific Inquiry and Teaching Methods	3
_____	GLE Natural Science	4	_____	GLE Art and Design	3
ED316	Methods in Teaching Social Studies	3	ED263	Methods in Teaching Math	3
_____	GLE Humanities	3	GLE230	Second-Year Composition	3
	Total	16		Total	15
Third Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
ED328	Special Education and the Law	3	ED340	Assessment & Identification	3
ED341	IEP Development	3	ED345	Effective Communication	3

ED308	Introduction to Assessment	3	ED350	Teaching Literacy Across the Curriculum	3
EN232	Teaching of Writing	3	HS308	From Sea to Shining Sea	3
HS319	History of New England	3	_____	GLE Humanities	3
	Total	15		Total	15

Fourth Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
ED360	Best Practices in Secondary Education	3	ED462	General Special Education Student Teaching	14
_____	GLE Arts & Design	3	ED463	General Special Education Student Teaching Seminar	1
_____	Two Electives	6		Total	15
_____	GLE Natural Science	4			
	Total	16		Total Credits	122