

Special Education

B.S. Ed. in Special Education PK-12 and Early Childhood Education PK-4 Dual

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

| First Year | | | |
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| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
| FYS100 First Year Seminar - Foundations | 3 | ECED120 Intro to Early Childhood Education/Stage 1 Field Experience | 3 |
| SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities-Citizenship & Responsibility (S) | 3 | SPEC220 Data-driven Intervention for Individuals with Exceptionalities | 3 |
| English Composition – Foundations (W) | 3 | English Literature- Creativity & Expression (L) | 3 |
| Math- Foundations (Q) | 3 | Math- Citizenship & Responsibility (R) | 3 |
| US History- Foundations (H) | 3 | Oral Communications- Foundations (O) | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

| Second Year | | | |
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| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
| ECED230 Emerging Math, Science, and Social Studies | 3 | ECED204 Current and Emerging Early Learning Technologies | 3 |
| SPEC229 Technology for Individuals with Exceptionalities- Natural World & Tech (T) | 3 | Creativity & Expression (C) | 3 |
| ECED250 Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education PK-4- Interconnections (D) | 3 | Interconnections (G) | 3 |
| EDUC222 Principles of Teaching (PK-12) | 3 | SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities | 3 |
| PSYC100 Introduction to Psychology- Natural & World Technologies (N) | 3 | Natural & World Technology (Natural World only) | 3 |
| | | ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity-Interconnections (D) | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 18 |

| Third Year | | | |
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| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
| SPEC227 Introduction to Early Intervention | 3 | ECED330 Primary Reading & Writing | 3 |
| SPEC335 Literacy Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities | 3 | ECED420 Social Studies Methods Grades 1-4 | 3 |
| SPEC401 Characteristics and Etiology of Autism Spectrum Disorder | 3 | ECED430 Math Methods Grades 1-4 | 3 |
| SPEC406 Positive Behavior Supports | 3 | ECED440 Science Methods Grades 1-4 | 3 |
| SPEC441 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities 7-12 | 3 | CHLS245 Child, Family, and Community Engagement or SPEC402 Collaboration with Families, Agencies, and the Community to Support Individuals with ASD | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

Fourth Year

| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
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| SPEC445 Supporting Students with Complex Instructional Needs | 3 | SPEC489 Student Teaching Seminar | 3 |
| SPEC449 Assessment for Individualized Evaluation and Instruction | 3 | SPEC490 Student Teaching I | 6 |
| SPEC440 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities PK_8 | 0 or 3 | SPEC491 Student Teaching II | 6 |
| SPEC488 Practicum variable credit 3/6 (6 credit Practicum counts as Prac & SPEC440) | 3 or 6 | | |
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| Semester Total | 12 | Semester Total | 15 |

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

PTE Early Childhood Courses (15 cr.)

- ___ ECED120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
- ___ ECED204 Current and Emerging Early Learning Technologies (3)
- ___ EDU222 Principles and Structures of Teaching PK-12 (3)
- ___ ECED230 Emerging Math, Science, and Social Studies (3)
- ___ CHLS245 Child, Family, and Community Engagement (3)
- ___ OR SPEC 402 Collaboration with Families, Agencies, and the Community to Support Individuals with ASD

TE Early Childhood Education (12 credits)

- ___ ECED330 Primary Reading & Writing K-Grade 4 (3)
- ___ ECED420 Social Studies Methods Grade 1-4 (3)
- ___ ECED430 Math Methods Grades 1-4 (3)
- ___ ECED440 Science Methods Grades 1-4 (3)

PTE Special Education Courses (12 Credits)

- ___ SPEC220 Data-driven Interventions for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ SPEC227 Introduction to Early Intervention (3)
- ___ SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ SPEC401 Characteristics and Etiology of Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)

TE Special Education Courses (15-18 Credits)

- ___ SPEC335 Literacy Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ SPEC406 Positive Behavior Supports (3)
- ___ SPEC440 Inclusive Practicum for High Incidence Exceptionalities PK-8 (0 or 3) (only taken with 3 credit Practicum)
- ___ SPEC441 Inclusive Practices for High Incidence Exceptionalities 7-12 (3)
- ___ SPEC445 Supporting Students with Complex Instructional Needs (3)
- ___ SPEC449 Assessment for Individualized Evaluation and Instruction (3)

TE Field Experience (18-21 Credits)

- ___ SPEC488 Practicum (3) 1 day/week OR (6) 2 days/week
(6 credit Practicum counts as both Practicum and SPEC440) (3 or 6)
- ___ SPEC489 Student Teaching Seminar (3)
- ___ SPEC490 Student Teaching I (6)
- ___ SPEC491 Student Teaching II (6)

Heading Key

PTE: Pre-Teacher Education Program Admittance

TE: Post-Teacher Education Program Admittance

PDE: Pennsylvania Department of Education

General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - FYS100 First Year Seminar
 - Writing Gen Ed Course
 - History Gen Ed Course
 - Math Gen Ed Course
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - ECED250 Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education (PK-4)- D
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity- D
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - SPEC110 Introduction to Individuals with Exceptionalities- S
 - Math Gen Ed Course
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - PSYC00 Introduction to Psychology- N
 - SPEC229 Technology for Individuals with Exceptionalities- T
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - Literature Gen Ed Course

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

PDE requires 6 credits of college level math and 6 credits of college level English (Writing & Literature)

Campus Locations

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| Bloomsburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Lock Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Mansfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Clearfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |