

Educational and Psychological Studies

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General Information

The Department of Educational and Psychological Studies offers a variety of programs to prepare teachers of students who have exceptional needs.

Departmental and program information can be found at our website: <http://www.fiu.edu/~edpsy>.

All programs require substantial supervised fieldwork. State of Florida certification requirements are met for all programs preparing school personnel. All programs also have the necessary coursework and fieldwork to earn an ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement.

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The Department offers the following undergraduate and certificate program:

Bachelor of Science

Degree Program Hours: 127

Exceptional Student Education and ESOL Endorsement

Bachelor of Science in Special Education

The undergraduate special education programs' specializations utilize a field-centered training model leading to approval for State of Florida Certification Exceptional Student Education with ESOL Endorsement.

The special education program recognizes that students with disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate public

education, that all students are to be educated in the least restrictive yet most enabling environment and are to be mainstreamed to the greatest extent possible. Special educators also provide services to preschool children and adults.

Given this context, the undergraduate special education program emphasizes the development of the following competencies to be demonstrated in both the University and field settings:

1. Identifying and diagnosing students with exceptionalities.
2. Prescribing and implementing appropriate individual educational plans to meet these problems.
3. Effecting appropriate instruction for children with exceptionalities in the least restrictive environment.
4. Managing classroom behavior.
5. Planning for inclusion and collaboration with parents and other education personnel.
6. Working with students with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Diagnostic-prescriptive teaching and management skills are to be demonstrated with students with mild disabilities who range in age from infancy to adulthood, and who represent multicultural, multilingual backgrounds. Special education majors may have field work with students who have mild, moderate, and severe disabilities.

Lower Division Requirements: Initial Teacher Preparation Programs

An Associate in Arts Degree or equivalent preparation in basic general education is required. If a student has not completed equivalents of the courses noted below, these courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher prior to enrollment in courses at the University for which there are prerequisites.

For students entering their freshmen year of college in or after the 2001-2002 academic year, the following General Education requirements (45 hours) will apply:

- Nine (9) semester hours in English to include writing, literature, and speech;
- Nine (9) semester hours in Science to include earth science, life science, and physical science, with a minimum of one associated laboratory;
- Nine (9) semester hours in Mathematics to include college algebra or above and geometry;
- Twelve (12) semester hours in Social Sciences to include American history and general psychology;
- Six (6) semester hours in humanities to include philosophy and fine arts.

Lower-Division

EDF 1005	Introduction to Education ¹	3
EDG 2701	Teaching Diverse Populations ¹	3
EME 2040	Introduction to Educational Technology	3

¹Requires field experience of 15 clock hours outside of class time.

In addition to EDG 2701, students must take six credit hours with an international or diversity focus in lower division. See individual programs for specific major prerequisite courses.

New admission requirements

To qualify for admission to the program, undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including having passed the CLAST, and have a 2.5 GPA or above.

The undergraduate special education program is offered in a sequence. Although, there is flexibility in the schedule, there are many courses that have to be taken at a certain time in the program. In addition, senior block and student teaching are offered ONLY at Fall and Spring semesters, respectively. It is **imperative** that the students work closely with their advisors to take courses in the appropriate sequence. Faculty will advise students on special education program course sequence prior to official acceptance. Please consult your advisor for additional information.

New graduation requirements

Graduation requirements in effect for students admitted on or after Fall 2001 include successful demonstration of the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices, GPA 2.5 or above and passing scores on all three sections of the Florida Teacher Certification Exam.

Exceptional Student Education (67)

Upper Division: Professional Studies Common Core

EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDF 4634	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDG 3321	General Instructional Decision Making	3

Upper Division: Program Content Courses

TSL 3370	ESOL Issues: Principles and Practices I	3
TSL 4141	ESOL Issues: Principles and Practices II	3
EEX 3243	Instructional and Assistive Technology in Special Education	3
EEX 4240	Literacy in Special Education	3
EEX 3012	Educational Needs of Students with Exceptionalities	3
EEX 3071	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
SPA 3000	Acquisition of Speech and Language Skills	3
EEX 3221	Assessment of Students with Exceptionalities	3
EEX 4601	Behavioral Approaches to Learning and Classroom Management I	3
EDP 3218	Classroom Management	3
RED 4150	Teaching Beginning Literacy	3
RED 4325	Subject Area Reading	3
MAE 4310	Teaching Elementary Math	3
EEX 4940	Field Experience in Special Education	0
EEX 3066	Instructional Practices in Exceptional Student Education I	3
EEX 4067	Instructional Practices in Exceptional Student Education II	3
EEX 4810	Supervised Practicum in Special Education ^{1,2}	1
EEX 4861	Student Teaching	9
EEX 4936	Student Teaching Seminar	3

Note: Courses within the undergraduate program require field placement during school hours. RED 4150, RED 4311, RED 4325, and MAE 4310 require registration in corequisite EEX 4940. In addition to a full-time student teaching placement during the final semester, students engage in a Senior Block experience the fall semester of their senior year. This experience requires a special education field placement that includes 160 hours (20 hours per week for 8 weeks) and class attendance at the

University. Permission to student teach is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all requirements specified in the program. Applications to student teach must be filed in the office of the Director of Internship and Student Teaching by the date indicated in the student teaching office preceding the Spring Student Teaching semester. **Please confirm this due date with your advisor.** The due date is subject to change.

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