Courses

SPED 5143. Teaching Communication Skills to Persons with Autism. 3 Hours.  
This course focuses on classroom and teaching strategies for the development of  
communication skills with students who have autism spectrum disorders. Students  
will learn the characteristics of typical language development, atypical language  
development in autism, functional communication training and behavior analytic  
approaches to teaching communication. Prerequisite: Admission to the Graduate  
School. (Typically offered: Summer)

SPED 5173. Introduction to Dyslexia: Literacy Development & Structure of  
Language. 3 Hours.  
This course focuses on the assessment of students with disabilities, literacy  
development, skills and intervention. Students will utilize foundational concepts of  
oral and written language including the structure of language to assess students'  
difficulties and plan appropriate instruction. Techniques discussed include informal  
observation, miscue analysis, multisensory teaching, and portfolio assessment.  
Prerequisite: Admission to graduate school. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 532V. Practicum in Special Education. 1-6 Hour.  
Supervised field experiences in special education programs, schools, institutions,  
and other facilities for exceptional children. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5343. Analysis of Behavior for Teachers. 3 Hours.  
An advanced course in managing behaviors in students with exceptionalities.  
Students are provided with experiences in applying theoretical bases of classroom  
management through identifying, assessing graphing, and analyzing behavioral data  
and implementing management plans. Ethical issues in the use of functional analysis  
are addressed. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5413. ABA and Classroom Management for Teachers. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4413.) Students in this course will develop an understanding of  
the basic principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and learn how to implement  
these principles across a Positive Behavior Support Model. Intervention plans  
include development of individual supports, classroom management supports, and  
whole school behavior supports. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both  
SPED 4413 and SPED 5413. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5423. Technology for the Inclusive Classroom. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4423.) A study of the use of instructional and assistive/  
augmentative technology for students with learning differences and special  
learning needs. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SPED 4423 and  
SPED 5423. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5433. Curriculum Development and Instructional Planning. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4433.) Study of the research base for the design and adaptation of  
curriculum and instructional strategies for students with disabilities in general and  
special classrooms. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SPED 4433  
and SPED 5433. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5443. Career Development and Transition Planning for Students with  
Disabilities. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4443.) A study of career development theory and the research-  
based strategies for evaluating, planning, and implementing transition programs  
for students with disabilities. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both  
SPED 4443 and SPED 5443. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5463. Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4463.) A study of methods and materials for teaching students  
(K-12) with severe disabilities, including severe mental retardation, serious emotional  
disturbance, other health impairments, multiple disabilities, and severe physical  
disabilities. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SPED 4463 and  
SPED 5463. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5483. Teaching Literacy Skills to Students with Disabilities. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4483.) This course will offer a detailed study of how to  
systematically and explicitly teach essential reading skills to students with disabilities  
or those at-risk for learning difficulties. Graduate degree credit will not be given for  
both SPED 4483 and SPED 5483. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5493. Introduction to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. 3 Hours.  
(Formerly SPED 4493.) The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding  
of autism spectrum disorders, understand the unique characteristics as they apply  
to the context of the classroom, be able to design an appropriate classroom setting,  
and use evidence based teaching practices for students with autism spectrum  
disorders. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SPED 4493 and  
SPED 5493. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5543. Dyslexia Teaching Practicum. 3 Hours.  
Provides the opportunity to demonstrate and refine teaching skills with dyslexic  
students and others with literacy learning disabilities through case studies and  
structured multi-sensory teaching of reading and writing skills with grades k-12 while  
simultaneously developing a professional portfolio. A minimum of 82 hours of field  
experiences with dyslexic students is required. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5633. Curriculum Development and Instructional Planning. 3 Hours.  
Study of the research base for the design and adaptation of curriculum and  
instructional strategies for students with disabilities in general and special  
classrooms. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5643. Individual Diagnostic Testing. 3 Hours.  
A study of various individual diagnostic tests used to identify students with  
disabilities and develop individual educational programs. Prerequisite: Admission to  
Graduate School. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5653. Individual Intelligence Testing. 3 Hours.  
A study of various individual intelligence tests, including the Wechsler series, and  
their use in schools to identify students with disabilities. Prerequisite: Admission to  
Graduate School. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5663. Teaching Science and Math to Students with Disabilities. 3 Hours.  
A study of content, methods, and materials for teaching science and math courses  
to students with diverse learning needs and how to adapt curriculum to meet diverse  
needs. Prerequisite: Admission to graduate school. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5673. Teaching Students with Disabilities in the Content Areas. 3 Hours.  
A study of content, methods, and materials for teaching content courses to students  
with diverse learning needs (K-12). (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5683. Teaching Literacy Skills to Students with Disabilities. 3 Hours.  
This course will offer a detailed study of how to systematically and explicitly teach  
essential reading skills to students with disabilities or those at-risk for learning  
difficulties. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5713. Career Development and Transition for People with Disabilities. 3  
Hours.  
This is an advanced course at the master's level in the specialty studies. The  
Scholar Practitioner model at this level will pursue an in-depth study of the transition  
process for students with disabilities including transition plan development,  
work based learning opportunities, developing skills in self-advocacy and self-  
determination using evidence based practices, family engagement, collaborative  
program planning and evaluation. (Typically offered: Fall)
SPED 5733. Inclusive Practices for Diverse Populations. 3 Hours.
An advanced study of the characteristics of persons with exceptional learning needs and the provision of appropriate instruction in the general education classroom including the use of current technologies including instructional media, social networking, and other educational technologies. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Summer)

SPED 5743. Teaching Persons With Physical and Health Disabilities. 3 Hours.
This course is an advanced course at the master's level in the specialty studies. The Scholar Practitioner model at this level will pursue an in-depth study of the characteristics, needs, and methods for teaching of persons with physical and health disabilities while emphasizing advance learning in the specialty studies and the social and behavioral studies in the substantive areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5753. Nature and Needs of Persons with Serious Emotional Disorders. 3 Hours.
A survey of the educational, psychological, and social characteristics of individuals with serious emotional disorders. Four major categories of behaviors (personality disorders, pervasive developmental disorders, and learning/behavior disorders) are reviewed in relationship to identification, assessment, and program intervention within the public school setting. Prerequisite: CIED 3023. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5763. Teaching Individuals with Severe Disabilities. 3 Hours.
Methods and materials for teaching students with severe disabilities, including severe mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, and severe physical disabilities. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 5773. Methods for Young Children with Disabilities. 3 Hours.
This course is one of the substantive core courses required of all students being recommended for the P-4 Instructional Specialist license. The Scholar-Practitioner Model at this level provides an introduction to the education of young children with special learning needs and a foundation for the developing professional. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 5783. Professional and Family Partnerships. 3 Hours.
This course is an advanced course at the master's level in the specialty studies. The Scholar Practitioner model at this level will pursue an in-depth study of family-school partnerships from early childhood through the transition to adulthood while emphasizing advance learning in the specialty studies and the social and behavioral studies in the substantive areas. Prerequisite: Admission to graduate school. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5873. Assessment and Programming for Students with Disabilities. 3 Hours.
Methods and techniques of assessment of children in all areas of exceptionality with emphasis on diagnosis and classification. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5883. Research in Inclusive Education. 3 Hours.
Review of research in inclusive education including all areas of exceptionality and English language learners with emphasis on research-based practices. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 5893. Organization, Administration and Supervision of Special Education. 3 Hours.
Procedures, responsibilities and problems of organization, administration, and supervision of special education programs. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 599V. Special Topics. 1-6 Hour.
Discussion and readings on selected topics in special education. Special focus on recent and emerging topics in special education. Prerequisite: Admission to Graduate School and Special Education graduate program. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SPED 605V. Independent Study. 1-6 Hour.
Advanced studies on potential research topics for graduate students in special education. Prerequisite: Admission to the Graduate School and instructor consent. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SPED 6403. Emerging Issues in Special Education. 3 Hours.
A study in the complex issues with which professionals in the field of special education must be familiar and prepared to address. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 641V. Special Topics in Special Education. 1-3 Hour.
Discussion and advanced studies on select topics in special education. Specific focus will include evidence-based and emerging practices in special education. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 6423. Philosophical and Sociological Bases of Special Education. 3 Hours.
A study of the basic philosophical and sociological bases for current practices in special education. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SPED 6433. Legal Aspects of Special Education. 3 Hours.
A study of litigation and legislation in special education, federal and state laws and court cases, and due process hearings. (Typically offered: Irregular) This course is cross-listed with EDLE 6433.

SPED 6453. Human Performance Improvement. 3 Hours.
This course is an introduction to Human Performance Technology, a rapidly growing field that applies the principles, methods, and empirical generalizations of Behavior Analysis to improving human performance in organizations. Working from a theoretical basis, students will learn how to diagnose performance discrepancies in organizational settings, design and evaluate appropriate behavior-based solutions. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 6803. Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. 3 Hours.
This course provide students with an understanding of individuals who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The course provides a life-span perspective by focusing on preschoolers, school-aged children, and adults. Students will study the characteristics of these individuals and general educational strategies for their education. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 6813. Characteristics and Assessment of Persons with ASD. 3 Hours.
This course provides an in-depth study of the characteristics and assessment of persons with autism spectrum disorders. It includes formal and informal assessment measures used to assist in the identification of students with ASD, as well as provide information for program development for this group of students. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 6823. Instructional Methods for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to assist professional educators in planning and implementing instructional and support services for students with autism spectrum disorders. Students will learn how to participate in collaborative family, school, and community partnerships. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 6833. Practicum in Autism Spectrum Disorders. 3 Hours.
Supervised field experiences in programs, schools, and other settings for children with autism spectrum disorders. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

SPED 6843. Basic Principles of ABA. 3 Hours.
Course provides information on: (a) the philosophical assumptions and principles of behavior analysis; (b) basic principles, processes, and concepts of applied behavior analysis; and (c) ethical and legal issues involved in its use. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 6853. Behavioral Assessment in ABA. 3 Hours.
Course content includes information on effective methods and the development of skills: (a) assessing, organizing, and interpreting behavior; (b) conducting task analysis and selecting intervention goals and strategies; (c) displaying data; and (d) making evidence-based decisions. Legal and ethical standards will be reviewed and applied to behavioral change procedures used. (Typically offered: Summer)
SPED 6863. Behavior Change Procedures and Supports. 3 Hours.
Course content includes (a) information on behavior change procedures; (b) activities designed to acquire skill in developing and evaluating behavioral change programs; and (c) information and activities designed to acquire skills in providing and monitoring persons and systems providing support. Legal and ethical standards will be reviewed and applied to the course content. (Typically offered: Spring)

SPED 6873. Measurement and Experimental Design. 3 Hours.
Course content includes information on and the development of skills in: (a) the measurement of the multiple dimensions of behaviors; (b) the use of methods of measuring behavior; (c) the experimental evaluation of interventions; and (d) the multiple methods of displaying and interpreting behavioral data. Legal and ethical standards will be reviewed and applied to the course content. (Typically offered: Fall)

SPED 6883. ABA Ethical, Professional, and Legal Standards. 3 Hours.
Course content includes information on the ethical, professional and legal standards in special education and, specifically, the area of applied behavior analysis. (Typically offered: Summer)

SPED 6893. Practicum in Applied Behavioral Analysis. 3 Hours.
This course is a supervised practicum that provides students with experience in applying the knowledge, skills, and dispositions by teaching individuals using Applied Behavior Analysis. Instructor approval needed for enrolling in the course. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 18 hours of degree credit.