

EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION (CERT)

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The special education certificate is designed for early exposure and study of special education in the American school system. It is intended for those who currently or will potentially work with people with disabilities in the private or public sector. Students will acquire background knowledge regarding special populations, including analyzing the historical and current conditions of special education, disability, and equity in American schools; the qualities of an effective special education teacher; and works of philosophical and cultural importance that are tied to justice, equity, inclusion, and democracy. The certificate is open to all students of all majors.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Facilitate undergraduate access of any major to fundamental knowledge and experience important to working with student with disabilities
- Strengthen the preparation of those interested in working with students with disabilities
- Develop an understanding of the theories and the legal premises upon which special education practices are based
- Evaluate the best practices in creating equitable teaching and learning environments

Program Requirements

Code Number	Course Title	Units
Required Courses		
EDEL 110	Introduction to Special Education in K-8 Settings	1.0
EDEL 210	Special Education, Disability, Equity and American Education	3.0
EDEL 215 or PHIL 215	Philosophy of Education Philosophy of Education	3.0
EDT 110 or EDT 140	Introduction To Educational Technology Exploring Assistive Technology in Education	2.0-3.0
CD 110	Child Development	3.0
ELECTIVE - Select a minimum of 6 Units		6.0-8.0
PSYC 251	Developmental Psychology (3)	
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology (3)	
COMM 120	Interpersonal Communication (3)	
A&P 120	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (4)	
ASL 110	American Sign Language I (4)	
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)	
CDSE 152	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)	
Total Units		18-21