

Special Education: Learning Disabilities Major

Bachelor of Arts, BA

Instruction in special education, elementary education, and psychology is designed to give teacher candidates a strong background for work with learning disabilities in grades K-12. Directed student teaching is arranged in area public schools. Additional certification may be possible by completing specified courses and obtaining passing scores on the PRAXIS II examinations. Teacher candidates should verify the test code numbers of the South Carolina requirement PRAXIS requirements because the codes are subject to change. The major includes the add-on requirements for certification in elementary education.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Candidates will provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences.
2. Candidates will use multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making educational decisions.
3. Candidates will use knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning and to select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies.

Required Courses

Teacher candidates may take courses only in Benchmark I before being admitted to the Teacher Education Program. See the departmental web page for a list of Benchmark courses and other important information.

Item #	Title	Credits
SED 300	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS	3
SED 376	ASSESSMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS	3
SED 361	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITIES	3
SED 382b	CLINICAL II: PRACTICUM IN LEARNING DISABILITIES	3
SED 395	INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING DISABILITIES	3
SED 396	EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES	3
SED 397	INTRODUCTION TO EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES	3
SED 398	EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES	3
SED 405	BEHAVIOR AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	3
SED 412f	DIRECTED STUDENT TEACHING: LEARNING DISABILITIES	12
PSY 380	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	3
EDU 101	CLINICAL I: READING	1
EDU 301	READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM	3
EDU 303	MATHEMATICS FOR THE ELEMENTARY CHILD	3
EDU 309	LITERATURE FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 314	SCIENCE FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 315	SOCIAL STUDIES FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 360	INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION	3
EDU 378	READING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES	3
Sub-Total Credits		64

Recommended Electives

Item #	Title	Credits
SED 380	INTRODUCTION TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES	3
SED 382a	CLINICAL II: PRACTICUM IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES	3
SED 382c	CLINICAL II: PRACTICUM IN EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES	3
SED 386	EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES	3
PSY 374	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 211	BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION	3
PSY 236	THEORIES OF PERSONALITY	3
PSY 370	CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT	3
ART 355	SURVEY OF ART THERAPY	3
ART 380	ART THERAPY METHODS, MATERIALS AND THEORIES	3
Sub-Total Credits		30
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