

Bachelor of Arts Special Education: Multi-Categorical (S.C. grades PK-12)

Website: <http://www.converse.edu>

TED Page: <https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337>

Name Date

The State Department of Education (SCDOE) may make changes to certification requirements. Candidates need to meet with their education advisor regularly and become familiar with the SCDOE website: <https://ed.sc.gov>

Benchmark I: Admission to Converse University	Date:
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Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites/Notes	Field Hours	Grade
EDU 360	Introduction to Education	3	Must be first education course		
SED 300	Introduction to Exceptional Learners	3	Prerequisite to all SED courses		
EDU303	Math for the Child	3	Prerequisite to SED312M		
EDU 309	Literature for the Child	3			
*SED361	Language Development & Disabilities	3			
*SED383	Characteristics of Diverse Learners	3	Prerequisite to SED 396, SED 398, and SED 386		
EDU 301	Literacy Foundations	3	Prerequisites are passing the Praxis Core, EDU 360, EDU 309, and all background/medical requirements		
EDU 101.01	Clinical I: Literacy	3	Prerequisite EDU 301	50	P/F

***May be taken in Benchmark II**

Apply to the Teacher Education Program

- Complete 45 hours of coursework
- Earn a cumulative GPA at least 2.75
- Pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test or have qualifying SAT or ACT scores
- Complete EDU 360 and all background/medical requirements
- Complete (or be taking) EDU 301 and EDU 101
- Complete the Converse University Application to the Teacher Education Program

(https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/assignments/27976?module_item_id=75367)

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Benchmark 2: Admission to the Teacher Education Program Required

Date:

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites/Notes	Field Hours	Grade
SED405	Behavior and Classroom Management	3	Pre/co-requisite to SED382M		
EDU378	Reading and Learning Strategies	3	Prerequisite to SED312M		
SED376	Assessment of Exceptional Learners	3	Prerequisite to SED312M		
SED396	Educational Procedures for Learning Disabilities	3	Prerequisite to SED382M		
SED398	Educational Procedures for Emotional Disabilities	3	Prerequisite to SED382M		
SED386	Educational Procedures for Intellectual Disabilities	3	Prerequisite to SED382M		
SED382M	Clinical II: Multi-Categorical	3	Prerequisite to SED312M	50	

Candidates must earn a "C" or better in courses shaded in blue for the Read to Succeed Endorsement.

Benchmark 3: Admission to Student Teaching

Date Cleared:

Apply to Student Teach

- Complete the State Department Application to Student Teach
(<https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/student-teaching/>) Deadlines: Students who plan to student teach in the fall must submit the Application to the state by February 15
Students who plan to student teach in the spring must submit the Application to the state by June 15
- Complete the Converse University Request for Student Teaching Placement form
(https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/files/431593?module_item_id=134824)
Deadlines: Students who plan to student teach in the fall must submit the Application to Dr. Park by February 15
Students who plan to student teach in the spring must submit the Application to Dr. Park by June 15
- Complete 100 clinical hours before student teaching

Course #	Course Title Credits	Prerequisites/Notes	Field Hours	Grade
SED 412M	Directed Student Teaching 12 Special Education: Multi-Categorical		60 Full Days	P/F

Student teaching completed at _____
with _____ School Cooperating Teacher

Benchmark 4: Program Completion/Recommendation for Certification

Complete a minimum of 57 credit hours

Take the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades PK -12	Score:
Take the Praxis II: Special Education: Multi-categorical	Score:

Advisor:	Date:
Director of Teacher Education:	Date:

Optional Add-on Certifications

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Candidates must complete all coursework listed with a "C" or better and pass the appropriate Praxis II exam.

Early Childhood Education Add-on

Required Courses	Grade
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☐ EDU 305: Behavior and Development of the Young Child	
☐ EDU 405: Curriculum for Early Childhood	
☐ EDU 403: Methods and Materials for Early Childhood	

☐ EDU 102 Clinical II: Early Childhood

Special Education-MC Program Progression Worksheet (Traditional Undergraduate)

Fall- Year One	Spring- Year One	
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Course Name	Credit Hours	Course Name	Credit Hours
EDU 360/560 Introduction to Education	3	EDU301/501 Reading/LA in elementary Classroom	3
SED 300/500 Introduction to Exceptional Learners		SED 383/583 Characteristics of Diverse Learners	3
EDU 309/533 Literature for the Child	3	SED 361/561 Language Development and Disabilities	3
EDU 303/503 Math for the Child	3		

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EDU 309/533 Literature for the Child	3	SED 361/561 Language Development and Disabilities	3
EDU 303/503 Math for the Child	3	Total Semester Hours	9
Total Semester Hours 12			

Fall- Year Two		Spring- Year Two	
Course Name	Credit Hours	Course Name	Credit Hours
SED 405/505 Behavior and Classroom Management	3	SED 376/576 Assessment of Exceptional Learners	3
EDU101/ 500A Clinical I: Reading	3	SED 398/598 Educational Procedures for Emotional Disabilities	3
SED 386/586 Educational Procedures for Intellectual Disabilities	3	SED 378/578 Reading and Learning Strategies	3
SED 396/596 Educational Procedures for Learning Disabilities	3		
Total Semester Hours 12		Total Semester Hours	

Fall- Year Three	Spring- Year Three
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Course Name Credit Hours	Course Name	Credit Hours
SED382M/ 582M: Clinical II: Special Education: Multi-Categorical 3	SED412M/512M Direct Student Teaching Special Education: Multi-Categorical	12
Total Semester Hours 3	Total Semester Hours	12