

# SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR (BS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/education-special.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

## Requirements for the Special Education Major

### (67-70 credits and 230 clinical hours)

**Middle Childhood – Early Adolescence Licensure: ages 6-12, grades 1-8**

**Early Adolescence – Adolescence Licensure: ages 10-21, grades 6-12**

The special education major is designed for UW-Parkside students who wish to teach special education in an elementary/middle school or middle/high school. The content courses provide students with a solid theoretical base and the methods necessary to be successful special education teachers of elementary, middle, and high school teacher candidates.

Students must choose a concentration from the areas of:

1. specific learning disabilities (SLD),
2. emotional/behavioral disorders (EBD), or
3. intellectual disability (ID; also referred to as DDA, or developmental disabilities and autism, in the CEC standards).

Autism is combined with DD in the standards and referred to as ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder. As a program, we will be addressing all three concentrations throughout. The definition of 'concentration' in this catalog section is consistent with DPI licensure requirement; it is not an academic concentration under UW-Parkside's definition.

### Recommended General Education Courses

The teacher education program is committed to supporting the liberal arts education at UW-Parkside through the general education program. The teacher education program recommends the following courses that meet both the university general education requirements as well as content knowledge policy requirements. Students should consult with the teacher education advisor each semester to ensure that they understand and are meeting requirements of the program's content knowledge policy.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Humanities and the Arts</b>		
ENGL 167	Introduction to Literature	3
SPCH 105	Public Speaking	3
Choose any two courses from the Humanities and the Arts general education list		6
Humanities and the Arts Subtotal		12
<b>Social and Behavioral Science</b>		
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	3
or HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	
HIST 119	Western Civilization II: The Middle Ages to 1815	3
or HIST 128	World History III: From 1800 to the Present	

Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 101	Geography of American Ethnicity and Race	
GEOG 105	Contemporary Human Geography	
GEOG 110	Introduction to Geography: World Regions	

Select one of the following:		3
ECON 101	The American Economy	
POLS 100	American Politics	
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	

Social and Behavioral Science Subtotal 12

### Natural and Health Sciences

Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOS 100	Nature of Life	
BIOS 101	Bioscience	
BIOS 103	Human Biology	

Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 100	Physical Geography and the Environment	
GEOS 100	Earth in Perspective	
PHYS 110	Introduction to Astronomy	
PHYS 120	Astronomy of Native America	

Select one of the following:		3-4
CHEM 100	The World of Chemistry	
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
PHYS 101	Principles of Physics	

Choose one course from the Natural Sciences general education list to complete the required 12 credits (if needed) 3-4

Natural and Health Sciences Subtotal 12-16

**Total Credits 36-40**

### Required Major Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Pre-Professional Sequence</b>		
EDU 100	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	1
EDU 101	Introduction to Disability	3
EDU 200	Teaching the Whole Child	1
EDU 210	Exploring Equity In Education	1
EDU 211	Child and Adolescent Development	3
EDU 212	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3
Pre-Professional Sequence Subtotal		12
<b>Developing Expertise Sequence</b>		
EDU 300	Creating Effective Learning Environments	1
EDU 304	Context and Culture In Learning Environments	3
EDU 310	Family, School, and Community Partnerships	1
EDU 322	Teaching Exceptional Learners	3
EDU 324	Individual Learning Design and Technology	3
EDU 326	Behavioral and Psychosocial Models	3
EDU 332	Foundations of Literacy	2
EDU 333	Children's and Adolescent Literature and New Literacies	3
EDU 335	ESL Methods	3
Developing Expertise Sequence Subtotal		22
<b>Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence</b>		

EDU 430	Using Action Research to Improve Instruction	2
EDU 437	Academic and Behavioral Assessment	3
EDU 439	Transition and Self-Determination	2
EDU 440	Teacher Preparation Portfolio Design	2
EDU 442	Teaching Developmental Mathematics, Grades 3-9	3
EDU 443	Teaching Developmental Literacy, Grades 3-9	3
EDU 447	Case Management and Developing Individualized Plans	3
Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence Subtotal		18
<b>The Residency</b>		
EDU 420	Residency Seminar	2
EDU 425	Residency (Student Teaching)	10
The Residency Subtotal		12
<b>Required Concentration/Licensure Area</b>		
Choose one Concentration/Licensure Area below		3-6
Required Concentration/Licensure Subtotal		3-6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>67-70</b>

**Concentration/Licensure Area Options****Middle Childhood – Early Adolescence Concentration  
Licensure: Grades 1-8**

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 431	Teaching Developmental Mathematics, Grades K-3	3
EDU 432	Teaching Developmental Literacy, Grades K-3	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

**Early Adolescence – Adolescence Concentration  
Licensure: Grades 6-12**

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 412	Literacy Development	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**Requirements for a Double Major in Elementary  
Education and Special Education  
(84-91 credits)**

Students may satisfy graduation requirements for both elementary education and special education by completing all required courses for elementary education, together with the following special education courses:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Elementary Education Courses</b>		
Required courses		67-74
Required Elementary Education Courses Subtotal		67-74
<b>Required Special Education Courses</b>		
EDU 101	Introduction to Disability	3
EDU 324	Individual Learning Design and Technology	3
EDU 326	Behavioral and Psychosocial Models	3
EDU 437	Academic and Behavioral Assessment	3
EDU 439	Transition and Self-Determination	2
EDU 447	Case Management and Developing Individualized Plans	3
Required Special Education Courses Subtotal		17
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>84-91</b>

**General University Degree Requirements  
(Bachelor's Degree)**

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

\*\* Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Reading and Writing</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
<b>Computational Skills</b>		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>7-8</b>

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30 of final 60

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum