

SPECIAL EDUCATION: LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (5003)

Program Coordinator

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The Special Education: Learning and Behavior and Elementary Education dual certification program leads to the Bachelor of Science degree and the Kentucky Teaching Certificates for Learning and Behavior Disorders (P-12) and Elementary Education (P-5). The program requires completion of a general education component, related studies component, and professional education component.

Program Requirements (88 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
EDU 260	Classroom Assessment	3
EDU 350	Student Diversity and Differentiation	3
EDU 360	Behavior and Classroom Management in Education	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Related Studies Courses		
MATH 205	Number Systems and Number Theory for Teachers	3
MATH 206	Fundamentals of Geometry for Teachers	3
MATH 308	Rational Numbers and Data Analysis for Teachers	3
MUS 314	Comprehensive Arts Education for the Elementary Teacher	3

PE 354	Physical Education for Elementary Schools	3
Select one of the following courses:		3
GEOG 352 or HIST 240 or HIST 241	Geography of Kentucky The United States to 1865 The United States Since 1865	
LTCY 320	Foundations of Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Grades	3
LTCY 420	Literacy Methods in the Elementary Grades	3
ELED 345	Foundations of Elementary Teaching	3
ELED 405	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
ELED 406	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
ELED 407	Materials and Methods in Social Studies	3
SPED 335	Foundations of Special Education	3
SPED 340	LBD Elementary Instructional Methods	3
SPED 345	LBD Secondary Methods: Language Arts	3
SPED 346	Learning and Behavioral Disorders Secondary Methods- Math	3
SPED 350	Assessment in Special Education	3
SPED 400	Behavior Management Strategies in Special Education	3
SPED 425	LBD Language Interventions: Strategies and Materials	3
SPED 480	Data-driven Decisions in Special Education	3
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
SPED 490	Student Teaching: Exceptional Education	5
ELED 490	Student Teaching	5
Total Hours		73

A passing score on the PRAXIS CASE and a 2.75 GPA are required prior to enrollment in ELED 345 and SPED 400. Student teaching occurs during the final semester of the program. Within the professional education sequence, students are required to meet state requirements for fieldwork experience in addition to course work. This laboratory work will be in field experiences away from the main university campus.

Special Education: Learning and Behavior Disorders and Elementary Education candidates may receive academic advising in the School of Teacher Education, GRH 1005 (270) 745-5414. Refer to the School of Teacher Education website (<http://www.wku.edu/ste>) (<http://www.wku.edu/ste/>) for additional information.

Finish in Four Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 250		3 EDU 260	3
ENG 100		3 PSY 310	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 ENG 200	3
COMM 145		3 MATH 205	3

MATH 112 or MATH 116	3 BIOL 113 & BIOL 114	4
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities	3	
	18	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EDU 350		3 SPED 335	3
EDU 360		3 ELED 345	3
ENG 300		3 LTCY 320	3
MATH 206		3 MATH 308	3
GEOG 352, HIST 240, or HIST 241		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences	3
Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences		3 Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global)	3
	18		18

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SPED 340		3 SPED 480	3
ELED 407		3 ELED 405	3
LTCY 420		3 ELED 406	3
SPED 350		3 MUS 314	3
Colonnade: Connections (Systems)		3 PE 354	3
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)		3 Possible MAE Course*	
Possible MAE Course*			
	18		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SPED 400		3 EDU 489	3
SPED 425		3 SPED 490 (middle or high school LBD setting)	5
SPED 345		3 ELED 490 (ELED classroom with at least one active IEP)	5
SPED 346		3 Possible MAE Course*	
Possible MAE Course*			
	12		13

Total Hours 128

* Candidates can take up to 12 graduate hours towards their master's degree with permission. See your advisor.