



SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.A. Teach Pre-K through 12th grade *Improve the lives of students with disabilities.*

THE PROGRAM

You will become a highly qualified special educator and gain the knowledge and skills to positively impact the lives of students with diverse needs. The program will prepare you to work in schools as a multi-categorical special education teacher at all grade levels. You will take courses related to characteristics of mild to moderate multi-categorical disabilities; assessment for special education eligibility and student performance/progress; instructional planning, including development of Individualized Education Programs; evidence-based instructional practices; advanced behavior management; academic and individualized instructional content and curricula; and collaboration with families and other school professionals.

You will participate in field experiences in diverse school classroom settings throughout the program. You will work alongside experienced special education teachers and learn leading-edge teaching methods from award-winning special education professors who will help guide you through these experiences.

All University of South Carolina teacher preparation programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). State reciprocity and this national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most other states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master's degree programs during their first years of teaching.

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TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.A.

FRESHMAN

Fall

Reading and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
History
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring

Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
Rhetoric and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Social Science
Science with lab

SOPHOMORE

Fall

Learners and the Diversity of Learning
Understanding the Foundations of Disability
Science
Elective (foreign language if needed)
Elective

Spring

Introduction to Exceptional Children
Schools in Communities
Additional Required Carolina Core Course
Elective (foreign language if needed)
Elective

JUNIOR

Fall

Introduction to Students with Autism
Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education*
Direct Instruction in Read for At-Risk Learners
Nature of Students with Multi-Categorical
Disabilities
Elective

Spring

Functional Behavioral Assessment
and Behavior Interventions*
Introduction to Inclusion of Students with Mild
Disabilities*
Teaching Math to Students at Risk
Instruction of Students with
Multi-Categorical Disabilities*
Elective

SENIOR

Fall

Introduction to Assessment in Special Education
Collaborative Partnerships in Special Education
Managing Problem Behavior in the Classroom
Internship I in Special Education*

Spring

Seminar in Special Education
Internship II in Special Education*

**Indicates courses with experiences in a school setting.*



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