CANDIDATES MATRICULATED AUGUST 27, 2002 AND AFTER

NEW PROGRAM

SPECIAL EDUCATION
GRADES 1 TO 6 OR 7 TO 12

For practicing teachers, this 40 credit-hour program leads to initial/professional certification in teaching students with disabilities, grades 1-6, or teaching students with disabilities, grades 7-12. Candidates must hold baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and existing teaching certificate in either elementary education (grades 1-6) or secondary education (grades 7-12). The degree can also be applied to satisfy requirements for professional (permanent) certification.

Courses

Required Foundations Courses (15 credit hours)

- EDU 528 Multiculturalism in Education  Spring/Summer
- EDU 530 Behavior Management and Motivational Strategies  Fall/Summer
- EDU 539 Characteristics of Students with Exceptional Needs  Fall
- EDU 565 Assessment of Exceptional Learners  Spring/Summer
- EDU 595 Introduction to Educational Research  Fall/Spring/Summer

Required Advanced Courses (12 credit hours)

- EDU 572 Reading Difficulties: Diagnosis and Intervention  Spring
- EDU 700 Assistive and Adaptive Instructional Technology  Fall
- EDU 720 Current Issues in Special Education  Spring
- EDU 768 Methods of Teaching Children with Disabilities (grades 1-6) or  Fall
- EDU 770 Methods of Teaching Adolescents with Disabilities (grades 7-12)  Fall

Required Field Courses (6 credit hours)

- EDU 794 Seminar in Special Education  Spring
- EDU 795 Practicum in Special Education  Spring

Supplemental Electives (6 credit hours)

- EDU 561 Literacy: Early Childhood (grades 1-6 only)  Spring
- EDU 562 Literacy: Middle Childhood  Fall
- EDU 558 Using Literacy Technology  Fall
- EDU 575 Literacy: Upper Grades (grades 7-12 only)  Fall
- EDU 645 Curriculum Planning, Design, Implementation & Evaluation  Fall
- EDU 651 Introduction to Counseling
- EDU 666 Abnormal Psychology

Required Culminating Experience

- EDU 799 Comprehensive Portfolio Advisement (1 credit hour)

- Comprehensive portfolio defense