SPECIAL EDUCATION (EDA)

College of Education and Social Work

Courses

EDA 503. Family Systems in Special Education. 3 Credits.
This course bases its objectives on the knowledge of families of children with disabilities as essential for the child’s education. The family is studied so that the prospective student can best know how to work with diverse families and family systems.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 504. Advanced Methods for Low Incidence Disabilities. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the essentials of systematic instruction of functional life skills for learners with severe disabilities across the domains of a functional curriculum. A field component is required in the class.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 505. Advanced Methods High Incidence Disabilities. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to prepare teachers to work with students with high incidence disabilities. It provides an overview of curriculum and instructional methods. Emphasis is placed on understanding and analysis of learning problems and academic interventions.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 508. Introduction to Early Childhood/Special Education. 3 Credits.
This course is an overview of the field of early childhood special education (ECSE). We will explore the processes of early intervention including screening, assessment, instructional programming, integrating children with and without disabilities, and family involvement. Emphasis is placed on assessing and promoting the development of cognitive, language, social, self-help and motor skills.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 510. Collaboration. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

EDA 511. Inclusion & Collaboration. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to prepare teachers to cultural changes evident in American public education with respect to inclusion and the education of students with disabilities. Students will examine their beliefs about inclusion and collaboration, hear new perspectives on these philosophies, learn how to work collaboratively with other professionals and learn practical methods to support all students in the classroom.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Summer.

EDA 513. Career Dev and Transition Systems Structures. 3 Credits.
This course will address post-school support structures that serve students with disabilities as they transition into adult life, stressing legislative foundations, inter agency linkages, school-business partnerships, referral processes and seamless systems of service delivery. The teacher practitioner as change agent will be an underlying theme.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Summer.

EDA 514. PreK-8 Aspects of Transition. 3 Credits.
This course will address support structures that serve students with disabilities as they transition from homebound to and throughout the Pre-K-8 school system.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 514 requires prerequisite EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall.

EDA 515. Middle/Secondary Career Development and Transition. 3 Credits.
This course addresses life span issues for persons with disabilities, stressing assessment, planning, and instructional strategies that promote successful movement to and through adult roles.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 515 requires prerequisite EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 516. Curriculum & Instruction for Individual Learning Differences I. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to prepare students to assist children and youth with disabilities achieve skills in academics and functional life domains.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 516 requires prerequisite EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDA 517. Technology and Universal Design for Learning. 3 Credits.
This course provides an introduction to the principles of Universal Design for learning (UDL), the incorporation of assistive technologies to accomplish UDL, and strategies for it’s inclusion in diverse instructional settings.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall.

EDA 519. Introduction to Assistive Technology. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the awareness of assistive technologies as it relates to education, communication, vocation, recreation, and mobility for students with disabilities.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring.

EDA 520. Intro to Autism: Understanding Autism and the Interdisciplinary Process. 3 Credits.
This course addresses the principles and strategies involved in an interdisciplinary approach to the treatment of individuals with autism. Faculty from the departments of Communication Disorders, Kinesiology, Psychology, and Special Education provide students with autism spectrum disorders within an opportunity to reflect upon the characteristics of individuals with autism spectrum disorders within the context of individual discipline and how to successfully work within an interdisciplinary setting.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDA 521. Assistive Technologies for Communication and Participation. 3 Credits.
This course will present various types of communication disorders and the impact of high and low level technology, specifically, augmentative and alternative communication systems and assistive technologies to support the child with disabilities in the K-12 classroom.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring & Summer.
Cross listed courses EDA 521, SLP 521.

EDA 522. Integrating Assistive Technology in the Classroom. 3 Credits.
This seminar and field is the final course in the Assistive technology Certificate. It is designed for educational professionals and is focused on the integration of assistive technologies into the K-12 classroom.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall.

EDA 523. Curriculum/Instruction for Individual Learning Differences II. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to support students in the research, development and implementation of instruction for students with disabilities.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 523 requires a prerequisite of EDA 516 and EDA 574.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring & Summer.

EDA 530. Teaching Children with Autism. 3 Credits.
This course serves as an in-depth analysis of unique education needs of students with autism spectrum disorders. Students will learn about the educational issues surrounding autism spectrum disorders including history, etiology, current legislation, instructional strategies, and issues related to transition. In addition students will develop a working sense of classroom assessment and intervention strategies specific to educational settings for students with autism spectrum disorders.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 542. Foundations of Special Education. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to acquaint the prospective teacher with the historical legal evolution of the field, special education processes, and the characteristics of individuals with disabilities.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
EDA 544. Classroom Management. 3 Credits.
Exploration of current practices in the management and modification of behavior. The
professional’s role in achieving a better basis for meaningful communication with the special
child. Problems that may interfere with teacher effectiveness are discussed.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 544 requires prerequisite of EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDA 573. Develop Assess Child With Lrng Disabil. 3 Credits.
Diagnostic procedures and subsequent educational prescriptions useful with students
experiencing learning difficulties.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 573 requires prerequisite of EDA 541.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDA 574. Assessment and Special Education. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to introduce students to instructional assessment in special education
and the development of relevant education plans to meet federal regulations.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 574 requires prerequisite of EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDA 580. Contemporary Issues and Trends. 3 Credits.
Current trends, problems, and issues in special education, teacher education, research, and
administration will be explored. Emerging concepts relating to special education will be
emphasized.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 580 requires prerequisite of EDA 542.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring.

EDA 581. Practicum: Special Education. 3 Credits.
Offers students an opportunity to put skills gained through course work into practice under
supervision from the department. Weekly seminar required.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 581 requires a prerequisite of EDA 541.

EDA 582. Special Education Modified Student Teaching and Seminar. 1-3 Credits.
This is a required course for students pursuing special education certification at the post-
baccalaureate level. The student will receive direct experience with students with disabilities
receiving special education services. Field clearances required.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 582 requires prerequisites EDA 542, EDA 516, EDA 521, EDA 544,
EDA 574, and EDA 514 or EDA 515.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

EDA 590. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

EDA 591. Final Project. 3 Credits.
This course will provide the student the opportunity to learn how to evaluate and interpret
published research, to conduct a critical research review, and to develop and produce an
original research paper. Offered on a two-semester basis with each part carrying three credits.
Pre / Co requisites: EDA 591 requires prerequisite of EDF 500.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring.

EDA 592. Workshop In Special Education I. 1-3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.