

B.S.ED. IN SPECIAL EDUCATION - PREK-8 AND MIDDLE GRADES PREPARATION (4-8)

College of Education and Social Work

Curriculum

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements>)

English Composition requirements	6
Mathematics requirement	3
MAT 101 Mathematics for Teachers of Children I	
Public Speaking requirement	3
Science requirements	6
Fulfilled by required science content	
Behavioral and Social Science requirements	6
GEO 101 and PSC 100	
Humanities requirements	6
LIT 220 must be one of the Humanities courses.	
Arts requirement	3
Diverse Communities requirement	3
ENG 382 or LAN 382	
Interdisciplinary requirement	3
ESS 102, SCB 102, or SCB 210	
Student Electives	9
Nine credits of general education electives are required for graduation. Students wishing to graduate earning 135 credits and be eligible for grades 4-8 certification and special education PreK-8, must utilize their electives to complete their chosen area(s) of concentration.	
Writing Emphasis requirements	9

Major Requirements

EDA 103 Foundations of Special Education	3
EDA 203 Field: Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDA 314 Curriculum and Instruction for Individual Learning Differences I	3
EDA 321 Behavior Management & Field Experience	6
EDA 361 Assessment and Special Education	3
EDA 413 PreK-8 Aspects of Transition	3
EDA 421 Curriculum and Instruction for Individual Learning Differences II and Field	6
EDA 429 Communication Development and Assistive Technologies for Students w/ Disabilities	3
EDA 416 Student Teaching for Exceptional Learners	6
or EDA 417 Student Teaching for Exceptional Learners	
EDP 200 Middle Grades Cognition	3
EDP 201 Young Adolescent/Adolescent Development and Learning Theories	3
EDP 354 Assessment for Learning: Middle Grades	3
EDR 345 Literacy Development and Students in Inclusive Classrooms	3
MGP 220 Field Experience: Middle Level Environment	3
MGP 335 Teaching Social Studies in Middle Grades	3
SCE 330 Science Methods for Middle Level (4-8)	3

Related/Cognate Requirements

Students wishing to obtain certification to teach in grades 4–8 must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of related course work in each of four generalist content areas: mathematics, reading/language arts, science, and social studies. Of these four generalist areas, students must complete one 21 credit area of concentration. Students choosing the science concentration area will complete 9 generalist credits of history. Students choosing the history concentration area will complete 9 generalist credits of science. See the department's degree guidance sheet for courses in the 21- and 30-credit options. Students are encouraged to choose their concentration(s) based on their area(s) of interest for teaching grades 7 and 8.

Math

MAT 101 Mathematics for Teachers of Children I	3
MAT 102 Mathematics for Teachers of Children II	3
MAT 351 Methods for Teaching Children Math	3
MAT 353 Methods for Teaching Middle School Mathematics ¹	3
or MAT 352 Methods for Teaching Children Mathematics II	

Reading/Language Arts

EDR 306 Teaching Language Arts 4-8	3
EDR 308 Foundations in Reading 4-8	3
EDR 318 Reading Instruction and Practicum 4-8	6

Science

Students must complete 3 courses from the listing below: Students concentrating in science should consult with their advisor regarding courses to select for access to upper level science courses.

ESS 101 Introduction to Geology	3
BIO 110 General Biology	3
or BIO 100 Basic Biological Science	
CHE 107 & CRL 107	4
or CHE 103 & CRL 103	
PHY 130 General Physics I	4
SCI 101 The Carbon Cycle ²	3
or SCI 102 Electricity With Physical And Bio Applic	

Social Studies

GEO 101 World Geography	3
HIS 150 The American Experience ³	3
or HIS 151 History of the United States I	
HIS 344 History of Pennsylvania	3
PSC 100 U.S. Government and Politics	3

Student Teaching

MGP 410 Student Teaching	6
or MGP 411 Student Teaching	

Total Minimum Credits Required

135

Other Degree Completion Requirements

Students seeking PDE teaching certification in Special Education must be enrolled in another teacher certification content area (PreK-4 or 4-8)

- Choose MAT 353 if concentrating in mathematics.
- Choose SCI 101 if concentrating in science.
- Choose HIS 151 if concentrating in social studies.

Students must receive a C or better in all special education and supporting courses, maintain a 2.80 GPA, and achieve a GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for certification.

All Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Special Education PreK-8 teacher certification applicants are subject to dual certification requirements at the time of application. See the PDE for certification requirements.

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Progress Report (DPR) via myWCU regularly. For more information, visit wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport.