Special Education B.S.Ed. Professional Studies (Non-Certification Track)

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

The BSED degree with a major in Special Education-Professional Studies (Non-Certification Track) provides students who are interested in education the opportunity to take coursework with planned minors and concentrations. The degree allows for choice in several areas leading to a broad background. When accepted to the University all Special Education majors are placed in the Professional Studies (Non-Certification) track. This track does NOT lead to teacher certification. Upon meeting teacher education program admission requirements, those seeking teacher certification in Special Education will move into the BSED Special Education Certification Track.

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

General Requirements (Core A-E) 42

Additional Requirements 4

Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major

Pre-Professional Block

EDUC 2090 PPB Practicum 1
EDUC 2110 Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education 3
EDUC 2120 Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts 3
EDUC 2130 Exploring Learning and Teaching 3

Prerequisite Courses to Teaching Field

MATH 2008 Foundations of Numbers and Operations 3
READ 2230 Cognition and Language 3
Guided Electives 1000-2000 level elective 3

Professional Education

SPED 3130 Characteristics of Learners with Disabilities 3
EDUR 3130 Introduction to Research Methods in Education 3
EDUF 3232 Educational Psychology: General 3
READ 4131 The Teaching of Reading 3
ITEC 5233 Foundations of Technology-Enabled Learning 3
ESED 5234 Cultural Issues: ESOL 3
READ 4131 The Teaching of Reading 3

Guided Electives See Option 1, 2, and 3 below to determine credit hours of guided electives needed

Major Requirements

Must include at least 21 credit hours of upper division courses

Option 1

Complete 9 credit hours of guided electives under professional education and two 15 credit hour minors (please review minors in the catalog) 39

Option 2

Complete 3 hours of guided electives under professional education and two 18 hour concentrations from the list below 39

Option 3

Complete 9 credit hours of guided electives under professional education, and a combination of additional approved courses, a 15 credit hour minor, or an 18 credit hour concentration from the list below 39

Approved Concentrations:

- Africana Studies
- American Studies
- Business, Communication Arts
- Culture and Society
- Education, Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Sustainability
- Individual Emphasis
- International Studies
- Irish Studies
- Justice Studies
- Modern Languages (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Latin, Spanish)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Southern Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Writing

Total Credit Hours 124

Program Admission Criteria

Must meet all University Admission Requirements.

Other Program Requirements

- Must choose Option 1, 2, or 3;
- Must identify a career path with their academic advisor.

To graduate with B.S.Ed. Professional Studies Elementary Education/Non-Certification, a student must:

- successfully complete the program of study as outlined in the catalog;
- be in good standing with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

This program does NOT lead to teacher certification. Upon meeting teacher education program admission requirements, those seeking teacher certification will move into the B.S.Ed. Elementary Education, certification track.

Advisement

Each student in Special Education-Professional Studies is assigned to an advisor in the College of Education Student Success Center for program planning and course scheduling. Telephone: (912) 478-0698. E-Mail: cjthomp@georgiasouthern.edu.