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)**

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**Additional Requirements**

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**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  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
- 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:**


**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.

1 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.