SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.A. Teach Pre-K through 12th grade

Improve the lives of students with disabilities.

THE PROGRAM

You will become a highly qualified special educator and gain the knowledge and skills to positively impact the lives of students with diverse needs. The program will prepare you to work in schools as a multi-categorical special education teacher at all grade levels. You will take courses related to characteristics of mild to moderate multi-categorical disabilities; assessment for special education eligibility and student performance/progress; instructional planning, including development of Individualized Education Programs; evidence-based instructional practices; advanced behavior management; academic and individualized instructional content and curricula; and collaboration with families and other school professionals.

You will participate in field experiences in diverse school classroom settings throughout the program. You will work alongside experienced special education teachers and learn leading-edge teaching methods from award-winning special education professors who will help guide you through these experiences.

All University of South Carolina teacher preparation programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). State reciprocity and this national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most other states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master’s degree programs during their first years of teaching.
TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.A.

FRESHMAN

Fall
- Reading and Composition
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
- History
- Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring
- Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
- Rhetoric and Composition
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Social Science
- Science with lab

SOPHOMORE

Fall
- Learners and the Diversity of Learning
- Understanding the Foundations of Disability Science
- Elective (foreign language if needed)
- Elective

Spring
- Introduction to Exceptional Children
- Schools in Communities
- Additional Required Carolina Core Course
- Elective (foreign language if needed)
- Elective

JUNIOR

Fall
- Introduction to Students with Autism
- Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education
- Direct Instruction in Reading for At-Risk Learners
- Nature of Students with Multi-categorical Disabilities
- Elective

Spring
- Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Interventions
- Introduction to Inclusion of Students with Mild Disabilities
- Teaching Mathematics to Students at Risk
- Instruction of Students with Multi-categorical Disabilities
- Elective

SENIOR

Fall
- Introduction to Assessment in Special Education
- Collaborative Partnerships in Special Education
- Managing Problem Behavior in the Classroom
- Internship I in Special Education

Spring
- Seminar in Special Education
- Internship II in Special Education

*Indicates courses with experiences in a school setting.