

LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS CERTIFICATION

Certification Preparation Programs

These are programs of study which do not lead to a degree or to an EKU awarded recognition but instead prepare the student, upon recommendation from EKU, for professional certification by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board.

General Information

Candidates pursuing special education certification in Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Learning and Behavior Disorders, and Moderate/Severe Disabilities must hold teaching certification. Additional hours may apply toward a sixth year program (Rank I). It is very important that candidates seek early advisement from the department.

The prerequisites are an undergraduate degree and Kentucky Teaching Certificate in IECE, P-5, P-12, 5-9, 5-12, or Secondary classroom teachers.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission into any special education nondegree graduate program (Rank II, I), a candidate must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 overall or 3.0 in the last 30 hours of course work.

Program Requirements

Candidates must also have completed the following or equivalent prerequisite course work:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Courses		
Choose from one of the following:		
ELE 445	Foundations of Reading and Language Arts	
EMG 445	Foundation of Reading/Language Arts	
Choose from one of the following:		
EMG 447	Disciplinary Literacy in the Middle Grades	
EMG 806	Reading Instruction for Middle School	
EMS 874	Disciplinary Literacy	
MAE 201	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 I	
MAE 202	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 II	
MAE 302	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 III	
or ELE 822	Mathematical Foundations P-5	
Required Courses		
SED 774	Field Exp with Excep Learners ¹	3
SED 812	Introduction to Special Education Assessment	3
SED 817	Behavior Disorders	3
SED 825	Language and Literacy of Students with Disabilities	3
SED 837	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3
SED 845	Special Education Transition/Collaboration	3
SED 856	Graduate Methods and Materials	3

SED 897	Practicum in Special Education	3-6
Total Hours		24-27

¹ SED 774 Field Exp with Excep Learners can be waived with one year of successful teaching of students with LBD.

Note: Completion of the above program will not suffice for completion of a Rank program. For LBD Certification, the PRAXIS test in the area of a specialty must be passed.