# MODERATE AND SEVERE DISABILITIES 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 for 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**

Title

Code

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

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Prerequisite Courses			
ELE 445	Foundations of Reading/ Language Arts	3	
or EMG 445	Foundation of Reading/Language Arts		
Choose from one of the following:			
EMG 447	Disciplinary Literacy in the Middle Grades		
EMG 806	Read Instruction Middle School		
ELE 820	Literacy Foundation P-5	3	
MAE 201	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 I	3	
MAE 202	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 II	3	
MAE 302	Mathematical Concepts for P-9 III	3	
or ELE 822	Mathematical Foundations P-5		
Required Courses			
SED 774	Field Exp with Excep Learners <sup>1</sup>	3	
SED 819	Mod/Sev Disabilities Intro	3	
SED 821	MSD Tech/Research-Based Strat	3	
SED 823	Mod/Sev Disab Methods	3	
SED 825	Lang Disorder Students Disabil	3	
SED 826	Best Practices in Spec Edu	3	
SED 837	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3	
SED 845	Spec Ed Transition/Collab	3	
SED 897	Practicum in Special Education	3-6	

Total Hours 48		
or SED 808	Spec Ed Early Childhood Survey	
OTS 715	Early Child Sensorimotor Devel	3

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

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