Special Education

The Graduate School

COLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Bates, Paul, Professor, Ph.D., Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, 1978; 1978.
Bruns, Deborah A., Professor, Ph.D., University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, 2000; 2003.
Crowner, James, Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., Michigan State University, 1960; 1966.
Ewing, Norma J., Associate Professor, Emerita, Ph.D., University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, 1974; 1973.
Hisama, Toshiaki, Associate Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Oregon, 1971; 1971.
Juul, Kristen, Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., Wayne State University, 1953; 1970.
Miller, Sidney, Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 1974; 1978.
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The Department of Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education offers programs leading to: Graduate Certificate in Special Education; Master’s Degree in Education in Special Education, and a Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Education and Concentration in Special Education.

Graduate Certificate in Special Education

The faculty, staff and students in the special education program are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of students with disabilities and their families by increasing their success at school, work, community, and living environments. The graduate certificate plan of study in special education is designed to enhance the applicant’s experience and expertise based upon the following criteria:

1. A baccalaureate degree in elementary education, secondary education or a related field such as social work or psychology.
2. Current Professional Education License (PEL) with endorsement in a teaching area in the state of Illinois.
3. Undergraduate grade point of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. A minimum of two letters of recommendation, which on the whole, clearly attest to the professional dispositions of a special education professional as articulated in the CEC Code of Ethics and Standards for Professional Practice, and predict academic success at the graduate level.
5. A letter of application (approximately 400 words) in which the applicant summarizes his/her professional goals, career objectives, research interests, motivation for graduate work and other pertinent information.
6. Departmental application form.

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*Up to 15 hours of coursework for the Graduate Certificate program may count toward the 30 credit hour requirement for completing the Master's of Education in Special Education degree described below.

Retention Criteria

For a student to be retained in the Graduate Certificate program, students must complete all coursework with a
Applicants must submit all of the following items to be considered for admission to the Graduate Certificate program in Special Education:

1. **Graduate School Application.**
2. **Official Transcripts.** Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate college work at institutions other than SIU should be sent directly to the Graduate Secretary, Department of Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4618.
3. **Department Application Form.** This form includes pertinent biographical information and professional experience.
4. **Letter of Application** (approximately 400 words) in which the applicant summarizes professional goals, including career objectives, research interests, motivation for graduate work, and other pertinent information.
5. **Copy of All Professional licenses or certificates.**
6. **Letter of Recommendation.** Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference which attest to your professional competence, academic preparation, and potential for graduate work. Ideally, one letter should be from a college or university professor who can discuss your academic abilities, and one should be from an administrator or colleague who can authoritatively describe your professional experience and potential.

**Master of Science in Education in Special Education degree (with LBS-I Endorsement)**

Applicants for the Master of Science in Education in special education degree must meet the criteria for admission to the Graduate School. In addition, candidates must submit a department application form, a letter of application, all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and two letters of reference to the department. The Special Education Graduate Committee will evaluate the application materials and make appropriate recommendations for acceptance or rejection of admission to the program. It is the responsibility of the committee to exercise professional judgment related to the criteria that applicants must meet in order to be considered for admission to the program. Students will be informed in writing of the Special Education Graduate Committee’s decision. Upon admission to the program, the student will be assigned an adviser with whom he/she will design a Graduate Degree Plan.

**Masters Program Admission Criteria.** Admission to the Masters Program in Special Education will be based upon the following criteria:

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Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education
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Courses (SPED)

**SPED 405-3 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education Methods: Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Special Needs.** This course focuses on effective methods, materials and programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with special needs, including IEPs, IFSPs, working with families, service delivery, case-management, transition planning, and curriculum methods and procedures. Prerequisite: SPED 412 or consent of instructor.

**SPED 408-3 Characteristics and Methods for Teaching Exceptional Children.** (Same as EDUC 308) For pre-service teachers who serve children and youth with disabilities. The course focuses on essential disability characteristics, data-based decision-making, scientifically-based academic and behavioral interventions and strategies to differentiate instruction and accommodate learners with disabilities in general education classrooms.

**SPED 409-1 to 6 Cross-Cultural Studies.** Seminar and/or directed independent study concerned with socio-cultural variables affecting the educational needs of children and youth with a disability. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or consent of instructor and department chair.

**SPED 410-3 Instructional Planning for Students with Disabilities.** This course presents the learning characteristics of children and youth with learning disabilities, emotional/behavior disorders, intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. Instructional planning, classroom management and integration of related services will be examined. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or concurrent enrollment.

**SPED 411-3 Assessment in Special Education.** Course covers general assessment information, norm reference testing, curriculum based assessment, adaptive behavior scales and issues relating to cultural diversity. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or concurrent enrollment. Laboratory fee: $15.

**SPED 412-3 Introduction to Assessment and Curriculum Methods in Early Childhood Special Education.** This course covers the principles of curriculum construction, program development and evaluation, classroom organization, instructional approaches, strategies and materials for teaching a functional curriculum. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or concurrent enrollment. Laboratory fee: $15.

**SPED 417-3 Behavior Management for Children and Youth with Disabilities.** This course focuses on the implementation of behavior management strategies and tactics to be used with students with disabilities in a variety of educational environments. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411, and 423, and must be admitted to the TEP as a special education major, or consent of instructor.

**SPED 418-3 Methods and Materials for Teaching a Functional Curriculum.** This course covers the principles of curriculum construction, program development and evaluation, classroom organization, instructional approaches, strategies and materials for teaching a functional curriculum. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or concurrent enrollment. Laboratory fee: $15.

**SPED 419-3 Academic Methods and Materials for Student with Disabilities.** This course covers the academic methods, materials and strategies used with students with disabilities receiving special education services in school and community settings. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411, 423 and must be admitted to the TEP as a special education major, or consent of instructor.

**SPED 420-3 Advanced Theories and Practices in Special Education.** The course is an advanced survey of exceptional populations and addresses educational, social, legal, cultural and community practices associated with individuals with disabilities, ages 0 – 21 years old.

**SPED 423-3 General Procedures in Special Education.** Presents key provisions of Public Law 94-142 and subsequent amendments, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Course content also includes principles of applied behavior analysis and
effective instruction of students with disabilities. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411 or concurrent enrollment.

SPED 425-3 Home-School Coordination in Special Education. The course covers techniques used in parent interviews, conferences and referrals by school personnel; due process and procedural safeguards for parents and youth with disabilities. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411, 423 with grades of C or better or concurrent enrollment.

SPED 430-3 Secondary Programming for Students with Disabilities. Deals with modifications of and additions to school programs to ensure that they are appropriate to the needs of adolescents with disabilities. Content will include coverage of remedial and compensatory program models, transition programming, career and vocational education. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411, 423 with grades of C or better or concurrent enrollment.

SPED 431-3 Work-Study Programs for Adolescents Labeled Severely Disabled. This course is designed to prepare educators and other human service professionals to assist adolescents and young adults with severe disabilities for community integrated employment options. Content will include community-referenced curriculum objectives, community-based instruction for employment and functional skill development.

SPED 494A-1 Practicum in Special Education-Assessment. This course includes clinical experiences in public school and community settings in the selection, administration and interpretation of norm-referenced and curriculum-based assessments, adaptive behavior scales, behavior rating scales and checklists and issues relating to cultural diversity. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420 and 410 with grades of C or better.

SPED 494B-1 Practicum in Special Education-Functional Curriculum. This course includes clinical experiences in public school and community settings in planning, implementing and instructing a functional curriculum. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420, 410, 411, 423 and must be admitted to Teacher Education Program.

SPED 495-1 to 6 Internship in Special Education. An applied experience for students seeking certification in special education through alternative or subsequent certificate routes. Students will be required to complete a set of activities and prepare a number of products appropriate for the special education program and/or students with disabilities being served in the internship placement. Students will be expected to complete a portfolio of products to demonstrate professional competence. Special approval needed from the Program Coordinator.

SPED 500-3 Research Issues in Special Education. Students will study issues and research practices in special education and will learn how they both conduct research, translate research findings and develop practices in special education based on research outcomes. Special approval needed from the instructor.

SPED 501-3 Methods and Materials for Persons with Severe Behavior Challenges. Deals with methods, materials and instructional management practices common to the instruction and management of student experiencing severe behavioral challenges in the schools and in residential settings.

SPED 505-3 Organizing and Implementing Early Childhood Special Education Programs. This course presents theoretical frameworks and current best practices involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of Early Childhood Special Education programs. Content will include discussion of models of teaming, ethical issues, interagency coordination, transition, mentoring and supervision. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or SPED 420, SPED 412 and SPED 405.

SPED 511A-3 Advanced Instructional Design and Methodology for Students with Disabilities. Advanced study of evidence-based practices related to the development and delivery of effective educational programs for students with mild disabilities. Emphases will include instructional design, instructional strategies and techniques, include the use of technology to meet educational needs of students with mild disabilities.

SPED 511B-3 Curriculum for Instructional Remediation of Learners with Disabilities. Advanced study of curriculum and curricular approaches to meeting the educational needs of students with mild disabilities in special education and general education classrooms. Emphasis include academic and functional curriculum for basic skills and content areas, direct instruction and curriculum modifications and adaptations.

SPED 512-3 Advanced Child and Family Assessment, Curriculum Methods and Evaluation in Early Childhood Special Education. This course presents advanced coursework and practical experiences in child and family assessment, selection of curricula, and evaluation in Early Childhood Special Education. Students will review current assessment and curriculum packages, conduct evaluations and write assessment reports. Practical experience will be an integral part of this course. Prerequisites: SPED 300 or 420, 405 and 412.

SPED 513-3 Organization, Administration, and Supervision in Special Education. Emphasis upon the functions, underlying principles and cautions to be observed in the organization and administration of special education. The selecting and training of teachers, problems of supervision, special equipment, transportation, cooperating agencies and legal aspects of the problem. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or SPED 420. Special approval needed from program coordinator.

SPED 514-3 Simulation of Administrative Tasks in Special Education. Development of skills required of special education administrators and supervisors through the use of simulation materials focusing on developing administrative skills. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420. Special approval needed from program coordinator.

SPED 515-3 Collaboration-Based Delivery Systems in Special Education. Designed to provide students with a thorough knowledge and skill base in the collaboration process including problem-solving processes, communication skills and conflict resolution skills. Collaboration-based approaches will be examined as alternative systems and methods of meeting the educational needs of students with disabilities within a continuum of special education services.

SPED 516-3 Advanced Assessment for Diverse Learners. Develop practitioner's knowledge and skills to develop and implement standardized and informal assessment systems to guide program planning and instructional decision-making for students with disabilities in regular and special education programs. Furthermore, practitioners will identify, utilize, and implement modifications and accommodations to facilitate students' performance on informal and standardized assessment tools. Prerequisite: SPED 411 or consent of instructor.

SPED 517-3 Systems of Care for Exceptional Children and Youth. Survey and examination of social agencies and models of service delivery contributing to the welfare and care of exceptional children and youth. Emphasis will be given to models, services,
and organization of system of care serving youth with disabilities. **SPED 550-3 Behavior Management of Exceptional Children and Youth.** This course deals with assessment, implementation, and monitoring procedures involved with the use of behavior change techniques in special education programming. Emphasis will be placed on the actual implementation of behavior change techniques with school aged students with disabilities. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 578-3 Legal Framework for Special Education Services.** Covers state and federal statutes and regulations including IDEA, Section 504: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and No Child Left Behind Act, as well as current legislation and litigation with respect to provision of educational services for children and youth/young adults with disabilities. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or SPED 420, or consent of instructor.

**SPED 580-3 Master's Seminar: Issues and Trends in Special Education.** Analysis of research, trends, and programs in the education of children with disabilities. Open to graduate students in special education or related field. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420.

**SPED 582-3 Post-Master's Seminar: Theories and Models in Special Education.** Critical discussion of eight major intervention models used historically and currently with handicapped children in educational settings. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 583-3 Post-Master's Seminar: Program Coordination in Special Education.** Analysis of organizational principles and practices required for the creation and maintenance of programs to meet the needs of persons who are handicapped and require specialized educational programs within the school setting. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 584-3 Issues in International Special Education.** This course is designed to examine major aspects of disability theory and issues in international special and inclusive education. It provides current knowledge on disability models, as well as on special education systems world-wide; it examines historical patterns, the international human rights law and country legislation, cultural issues and intervention practices related to special education; it reviews major concepts, issues and debates in the international field of special education.

**SPED 585-3 Doctoral Seminar: Evaluation in Special Education.** An analysis of the purposes, approaches, design, methodology and applications of evaluative studies in special education. Prerequisite: SPED 582, SPED 583.

**SPED 586-1 to 4 (1,1,1,1) Proseminar in Special Education.** A topical seminar providing for the systematic discussion of current research in the field of special education. Specific content is determined by participating faculty and students, relative to current faculty research and dissertations in progress within the department. Doctoral students will register for a total of four credit hours, one per semester, after which they will audit the course during the pursuit of their dissertation. Master's students admitted with special approval from the adviser and department chair.

**SPED 590-1 to 6 Readings in Special Education.** Study of a highly specific problem area in the education of exceptional children. Open only to graduate students. Graded S/U only. Prerequisite: SPED 300 or 420. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 591-1 to 6 Independent Investigation.** A field study for graduate students. Conducted in a school system where full cooperation is extended. The study will involve selection of a problem, surveying pertinent literature, development of experimental design and procedures, recording results and appropriate interpretations and summaries. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 594A-1 to 6 Practicum in Special Education-Behavior Interventions.** A capstone field-based experience for special educators seeking advanced preparation in the field of special education. Student will select the appropriate practicum experience as appropriate for his/her program of study or Learning Behavior Specialist II certification.

**SPED 594B-1 to 6 Practicum in Special Education-Curriculum Adaptation.** A capstone field-based experience for special educators seeking advanced preparation in the field of special education. Student will select the appropriate practicum experience as appropriate for his/her program of study or Learning Behavior Specialist II certification.

**SPED 594D-1 to 6 Practicum in Special Education-Early Childhood Special Education.** A capstone field-based experience for special educators seeking advanced preparation in the field of special education. Student will select the appropriate practicum experience as appropriate for his/her program of study or Learning Behavior Specialist II certification.

**SPED 595A-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Research and Applied Studies.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 595B-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Evaluation.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 595C-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Administration.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 595D-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-University Teaching.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 595E-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Program Planning and Management.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation.
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**SPED 595F-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Supervision.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 595G-1 to 12 (1 to 6) Internship-Specialized Delivery Systems.** The doctoral internship is a required experience. Internship hours do not apply to minimum needed for graduation. Each student shall engage in specialized service areas within a school system, university, state office, federal office, or private agency. Interns will participate in regularly scheduled on-campus or on-site seminars with the university and field internship supervisors.

**SPED 599A-1 to 6 Thesis.** Independent hours to be taken under the supervision of the student’s Master’s degree chair for the purpose of conducting and writing the Master’s thesis. Graded S/U only. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 599B-1 to 6 Research Paper.** Independent hours to be taken under the supervision of the student’s Master degree chair for the purpose of conducting and writing the Master’s research paper. Graded S/U only. Special approval needed from the instructor.

**SPED 600-1 to 32 (1 to 12 per semester) Dissertation.** Special approval needed from the chair.

**SPED 601-1 per semester Continuing Enrollment.** For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or research paper. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis, or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only.

**SPED 699-1 Postdoctoral Research.** Must be a Postdoctoral Fellow. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted.