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Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education (B.S. Ed.), General K-12 Licensure

- ❖ **Mason Core**, 37 credits
- ❖ **Special Education Core**, 45 credits
- ❖ **General K-12 Licensure Concentration**, 16 credits
- ❖ **General Electives**, 22 credits

Total: 120 Credits

- ❖ **Mason Core, 37 credits** - for current list of approved courses: catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/

Written Communication (ENGH 101) – 3 Credits	Arts – 3 Credits
Written Communication (ENGH 302) – 3 Credits	Western Civilization – 3 Credits
Oral Communication – 3 Credits	Social and Behavioral Sciences (EDSE 203 recommended)– 3 Credits
Information Technology (ELED 257 recommended) – 3 Credits	Global Understanding (EDSE 204 recommended) – 3 Credits
Quantitative Reasoning – 3 Credits	Natural Science – 7 Credits
Literature (ELED 258 recommended) – 3 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 credit lab / 3 credit non-lab

- ❖ **Special Education Core, 45 credits**

EDUC 200	Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools – 3 Credits
EDUC 302 or PSYC 211	Human Growth and Development/Developmental Psychology – 3 Credits
EDSE 201	Introduction to Special Education – 3 Credits
EDSE 251	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Supports – 3 Credits
EDSE 351	Technology Integration for Specialized Instruction – 3 Credits
EDSE 352	Assessment – 3 Credits
EDSE 353	Individualized Behavior Supports – 3 Credits
EDSE 354	Consultation and Collaboration – 3 Credits
EDSE 381	Exploratory Field Experience in Special Education – 3 Credits
EDSE 451	Transition and Self-Determination – 3 Credits
EDSE 452	Intersectionality and Disability (Writing Intensive) – 3 Credits
EDSE 482	Internship: General (Capstone) – 12 Credits

- ❖ **Concentration in Degree: General K-12 Licensure, 16 credits**

EDSE 241	Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum – 3 Credits
EDSE 341	Language Acquisition and Reading Development – 3 Credits
EDSE 441	Instructional Strategies for Reading and Writing – 3 Credits
EDSE 443	Instructional Strategies for Math – 3 Credits
EDSE 445	Clinical Practice and Seminar 1: General – 2 Credits
EDSE 446	Clinical Practice and Seminar 2: General – 2 Credits

- ❖ **Non-Coursework Requirements:**

- **VCLA**
- **RVE: Elementary and Special Education**
- **Emergency first-aid, CPR, and AED Certification**

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- ❖ **Suggested Academic Plan (to be supplemented by Mason Core and Electives)**

Semester	General Curriculum Concentration	Credits	Prerequisites
1 st Year Fall	EDUC 200: Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	12	
	Total:	15	
1 st Year Spring	EDSE 201: Introduction to Special Education	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	12	
	Total:	15	
2 nd Year Fall	EDSE 381: Exploratory Field Experience in Special Education	3	EDSE 201 (or coreq with permission of instructor)
	PSYC 211: Developmental Psychology or EDUC 302: Human Growth and Development	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	9	
	Total:	15	
2 nd Year Spring	EDSE 241: Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	3	
	EDSE 251: Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Supports	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	9	
	Total:	15	
3 rd Year Fall	EDSE 341: Language Acquisition and Reading Development	3	
	EDSE 352: Assessment	3	
	General Electives	9	
	Total:	15	
3 rd Year Spring	EDSE 353: Individualized Behavior Supports	3	
	EDSE 354: Consultation and Collaboration	3	
	EDSE 441: Instructional Strategies for Reading and Writing	3	
	EDSE 445: Clinical Practice and Seminar 1: General	2	EDSE 381
	General Electives	4	
	Total:	15	
4 th Year Fall	EDSE 443: Instructional Strategies for Math	3	
	EDSE 446: Clinical Practice and Seminar 2: General	2	EDSE 445
	EDSE 451: Transition and Self-Determination	3	
	EDSE 452: Intersectionality and Disability	3	
	General Electives	4	
	Total:	15	
4 th Year Spring	EDSE 482: Internship: General Curriculum - Capstone	12	EDSE 446
	EDSE 351: Technology Integration for Specialized Instruction	3	
	Total:	15	

- ❖ Academic Requirements: 120 total credits; 45 Upper Level Credits Hours, 30 Hours (12 upper level) for GMU Residency Requirement; completion of Mason Core courses; cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and GPA of at least 2.5 in major coursework and a C or better in all major and concentration coursework.