

**Bachelor of Arts in Education Program Leading to PA Certification Special  
Education (PreK-Gr.12)  
2024-2025 Degree Requirements**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 120**

**UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM: 42 credits**

**Required Fundamental Courses:**

COMM 101	Oral Comm. & Pres.	3 credits	
ENGL 101	College Composition	3 credits	
UNIV 101	City-University Life	3 credits	
Senior Capstone	<b>EDUC 432</b>	3 credits	<b>(Student Teaching Seminar)</b>

**Choose Thematic Core courses in the following:**

Explore the World - Choice 1		3 credits	
Explore the World - Choice 2		3 credits	
Investigate Science		3 credits	
Investigate Mathematics	<b>MATH 150</b>	3 credits	<b>(Mathematical Problem Solving)</b>
Interpret Creative Works	<b>EDUC 252</b>	3 credits	<b>(Children’s Literature)</b>
Understand People - Choice 1	<b>EDUC 220</b>	3 credits	<b>(Family and Community Diversity)</b>
Understand People - Choice 2	<b>EDUC 228</b>	3 credits	<b>(Educational Psychology)</b>
Succeed in Business		3 credits	
Appreciate & Apply the Arts	<b>EDUC 251</b>	3 credits	<b>(Arts and Music in Teaching)</b>
Discover Technology	<b>EDUC 101</b>	3 credits	<b>(Technological Literacy)</b>

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 78 cr.**

- MATH 155 General Mathematics (3)
- PSYC 309 The Child from 5-14 (3)
- EDUC 120 Building Fam Partnerships (3)
- EDUC 150 Intro to Teaching Profession (3)
- EDUC 222 Assessment & Adaptation (3)
- EDUC 250 Working w/ English Lang Learners (3)
- EDUC 305 Methods of Mathematics I (3)
- OR** EDUC 415 Teaching in Secondary (3)
- EDUC 321 Literacy/Learning in Middle (3)
- EDUC 401 Differ Reading for Devel. Child (3)
- EDUC 422 Data Driven Instruction (3)
- EDUC 425 Student Teaching Practicum (12)
- SPED 180 Special Ed & Inclusive Practices (3)

**GENERAL ELECTIVES: 9 cr.**

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- SPED 220 Instr/Assist Tech (3)
- SPED 280 Positive Behav Int/Supp (3)
- SPED 281 High Inced Dis(3)
- SPED 282 Low Inced Dis (3)
- SPED 380 Diff Inst Prac Incl Clssrm (3)
- SPED 381 Secondary Transitions (3)
- SPED 382 Autism Spectrum (3)
- SPED 481 In Read/Write/Math (3)

**TESTS FOR CERTIFICATION:**

**Check PDE Test Requirements:**

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/educators/certification/help/quick-reference-for-applicants.html>

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**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

**Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:**

1. Utilize a variety of instructional strategies.
2. Develop instructional plans and set goals based on the content to be taught/learned, knowledge of assigned students, and the instructional context.
3. Establish and maintain purposeful and equitable classroom environments.
4. Demonstrate integrity, ethical behavior, and professional conduct as stated in the *Pennsylvania Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators*.