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Special Education
Graduate Certificate Requirements
21 Graduate Credit Hours

Candidate Name: _____SID#

Semester of Program Start:_____Semester of Program Completion:

NOTE: All courses in PHASE I (Graduate Certificate) must be completed before beginning PHASE 2 (MAT). Students must apply and be accepted to PHASE 2.

PHASE I. Graduate Certificate – Special Education (K-12)

Requirements (21 semester hours)

		Semester	Grade
Required for All Students (Adapted Curriculum and General Curriculum Tracks)			
SPED 5300	Lifespan Development for Exceptional Individuals (3)	____	____
SPED 5173	Diagnostic Assessment (3)	____	____
SPED 5370	Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Support (3)	____	____
SPED 5400	Practicum: Integrated Instructional Applications in Special Education (3)	____	____
Required for Adapted Curriculum Students Only			
SPED 5380	Multiple Disabilities and Systematic Instruction (3)	____	____
SPED 5274	General Curriculum Access (3)	____	____
SPED 6476	Internship/Seminar: Special Education K-12 Adapted Curriculum (3)*	____	____
Required for General Curriculum Students Only			
SPED 5375	Foundations of Literacy for Students with Diverse Learning Needs (3)	____	____
SPED 5372	Planning Mathematics Instruction for Students with Exceptional Needs (3)	____	____
SPED 6475	Internship/Seminar: Special Education K-12 General Curriculum (3)*	____	____

**This final course is a full-time internship requiring employment as a special education teacher in an approved K-12 school or a non-paid placement with a licensed teacher in a public K-12 school.*

Note: Recommendation for a NC professional educator license requires satisfactory completion of all coursework. Candidates with lateral entry or residency licenses must satisfactorily complete all coursework and pass State Board of Education approved licensure assessments (including edTPA) prior to being recommended for a clear license. Additional information regarding licensure is available at https://teal.charlotte.edu/.

Information on course sequencing is available at https://spcd.charlotte.edu/special-education/graduate-certificate-programs.