

TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

The School of Education's Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates (TCPCG) in Special Education is designed to prepare college graduates for certification as teachers of Special Education (grades k - 12). College graduates who have completed or anticipate completing an accredited bachelors degree program at this or another college or university may apply for admission to the TCPCG when their academic background includes completion of the following general education and subject area major requirements. Applicants must also apply to and be accepted by the Graduate School of the University of Connecticut to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Special Education. To earn the University of Connecticut's institutional recommendation to serve as a teacher, students must successfully complete the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Special Education and Connecticut's subject knowledge testing requirements.

PLAN OF STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

General academic courses: Applicants must have 39 semester hours of coursework that meets five of six of the following areas: (1) English; (2) Natural Sciences; (3) Mathematics; (4) Social Studies; (5) Foreign Language; or (6) Fine Arts. Applicants must have a three-semester hour U.S. History survey course and a course in Physical Education and Health.

3. SUBJECT AREA MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

A Bachelor's degree in English, Mathematics or Science OR passing Praxis II scores in one of the following subject areas:
English – Mathematics – Science – Elementary Education.

4. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS:

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**Required course prior to matriculating into program:**

EPSY 5121 Developmental Foundations of Exceptionality (3)

<i>Summer Session I</i>	EDCI 5060	Social and Multicultural Foundations of Education (3)
	EDCI 5065	Learning Theories (3)
	EDCI 5825	Enhancing Classroom Curriculum with Computers and Electronic Media (3)
	EPSY 5113	Beginning Reading Supports for Students with Learning Difficulties (3)
<i>Summer Session II</i>	EPSY 5092	Practicum (3)
	EPSY 5123	Instructional Strategies & Adaptations for Students with Special Learning Needs (3)
	EPSY 5116	Assessment in Special Education (3)
<i>Fall</i>	EPSY 5396	Student Teaching (9)
	EPSY 5141	Classroom and Behavior Management for Special Educators (3)
	EDCI 5050	Seminar I: Student Teaching Seminar (3)
<i>Spring</i>	EDCI 5830	Curriculum Laboratory: Advanced Clinical Practices (3)
	EDCI 5055	Seminar II: Teacher as Professional (3)
	EPSY 5119	Policy, Law, and Ethics in Special Education (3)

Total: 45 credits