These guidelines summarize the requirements for a Bachelor of Science and partial completion of Connecticut requirements in Comprehensive Special Education (Grades PK-12) for students following the 2023-2024 requirements.

The undergraduate Comprehensive Special Education Program in the School of Education has as its objective the partial preparation of prospective teachers of students with disabilities. The emphasis is on the student and his or her individual learning problems rather than on any “category” of children. Upon successful completion of the undergraduate and graduate Comprehensive Special Education Program, students typically find employment in public elementary, middle, or high schools. For specific counsel, please contact a special education faculty advisor.

1. Complete the GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS listed in the Academic Regulations of the University of Connecticut Undergraduate Catalog 2023-2024, which include two W courses (one must be 2000-level or above and associated with the student’s major), two Q courses (one Q course must be from Mathematics or Statistics), an Environmental Literacy course, and courses in Content Areas 1-4 (see catalog.uconn.edu for more information). In addition to the General Education Requirements, students must take a course in U.S. History (HIST 1501 or 1502) and PSYC 1100.

2. Complete a SUBJECT AREA MAJOR that includes a SINGLE SUBJECT plus a SECOND CONCENTRATION as listed below. Minimum of 39 credits of advanced level courses (2000’s or above) in teaching areas encountered in schools. **Up to 9 credits may be taken at the 1000’s level.** 1000’s level courses in Mathematics or Science may be included as the equivalent of 2000’s level courses. Required courses: One course in Mathematics and one course in Science in addition to the GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

   **SINGLE SUBJECT:** At least 24 credits in one of the following three subject areas. (1) **English;** or (2) **Mathematics;** or (3) **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, and/or General Science). Up to 6 credits may be at the 1000’s level.

   **SECOND CONCENTRATION:** At least 15 credits distributed among three of the RELATED SUBJECTS listed below which do not include the subject area selected above.

   1. **HUMANITIES:** English, Fine Arts (Art, Drama, and/or Music); Modern and Classical Languages; Linguistics, Philosophy; and/or Communication Sciences
   2. **SOCIAL SCIENCES:** Anthropology; Economics; Geography; History; Political Science; Psychology; and/or Sociology
   3. **MATHEMATICS:** Computer Science; Mathematics; and/or Statistics
   4. **SCIENCE:** Biology; Chemistry; Earth Science; General Science; and/or Physics

   Two of these related subject areas must include at least two courses.

   **EXAMPLE:** A student selecting English as a SINGLE SUBJECT would be required to take a SECOND CONCENTRATION of at least 15 credits in RELATED SUBJECTS 2, 3, 4. Two of those areas must include at least two courses. **Up to 9 credits may be taken at the 1000’s level.** 1000’s level courses in Mathematics or Science may be included as the equivalent of 2000’s level courses.

3. Complete the following PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

   HDFS 1070       Individual and Family Development
   PSYC 2400       Developmental Psychology
   OR
   EDCI 3100/W     Multicultural Education, Equity and Social Justice
   EPSY 3010       Educational Psychology
   EPSY 3115       Collaborative Program Planning in Special Education
   EGEN 3100       Seminar/Clinic: The Student as Learner
   EPSY 3130       Methods for Teaching Students with Disabilities
   EPSY 4110       Advanced Foundations of Disability
   EPSY 3125       Classroom and Behavior Management
   EDCI 4110W      Teaching Reading and Writing in the Elementary School
   EDCI 4115       Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School
   EPSY 4120W      Fundamentals of Assessment in Special Education
   EGEN 4100       Seminar/Clinic: Methods of Teaching
   EPSY 4115       Directed Student Teaching
   EPSY 5142       Individualized Positive Behavior Support
   EGEN 4110       Seminar/Clinic: Analysis of Teaching

   Students must earn at least 120 credits.
MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

To earn the University of Connecticut’s institutional recommendation for teacher certification, students must complete the requirements for the Master of Arts in Educational Psychology including a minimum of 30 credits (two full-time semesters) of graduate level course work. Requirements are anticipated to include at least:

Assessment: EPSY 5116 – Assessment in Special Education (3 credits)
Curriculum Elective (Choose one, 3 credits): Fall – EPSY 5211, 5145, 5114 (Adolescent literacy), 5113, 5405; Spring – EPSY 5219, 5140, 5142, 5115 (Writing)
Individualized Positive Behavior Support – EPSY 5142 (3 credits) - students typically take this course spring of senior year and may transfer it to the master’s program.

Practicum: EDCI 5092 (3 credits fall) and EDCI 5093 (4 credits spring)
Seminar: EDCI 5094 (3 credits fall) and EDCI 5095 (3 credits spring)
Research: EPSY 5195 (1 credit fall and 1 credit spring)
Technology: EPSY 5221 – Wise Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning Environments (1 credit)

COMPREHENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12)
SAMPLE SEMESTER SEQUENCE

SEMIESTER 1
*FOREIGN LANGUAGE 4
ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011 4
HIST 1501 or 1502 – US History (also fulfills CA 1) 3
PSYC 1100 – Psychology (also fulfills Content Area 3) 3
Content Area 4 3

SEMIESTER 3
Q COURSE 3
Content Area 3 Lab Course (BIOL/CHM/ERTH/PHYS) 3 or 4
HDFS 1070 (also fulfills CA 2) OR PSYC 2400 3
Subject Area Major 3
Subject Area Major 3

SEMIESTER 5
EDCI 3100/W – Multicultural Education, Equity & SJ 3
EPSY 3115 – Collaborative Program Planning Special Ed. 3
EGEN 3100 – Seminar/Clinic 3
Subject Area Major 3
Subject Area Major 3
Subject Area Major 3

SEMIESTER 7
EPSY 3125 – Classroom and Behavior Management 3
EPSY 4120W – Fundamentals of Assessment in Spec. Ed. 3
EDCI 4110W – Teaching Reading & Writing Elem. School 3
EDCI 4115 – Teaching Mathematics in Elementary School 3
EGEN 4100 – Seminar/Clinic 3

*If the student completed less than three years of a single foreign language in high school.
**Students should take EPSY 3010 prior to semester 5, if possible, but no later than semester 6. The course is available fall, spring, summer and online.

SEMIESTER 9 (Master’s)
EDCI 5092 - Practicum 3
EDCI 5094 – Seminar 3
EPSY 5195 – Research course 1
Diversity Course (either semester) 3
Literacy Course (either semester) 3
EPSY 5221 – Wise Technology (either semester) 1
Elective (either semester) 0-3
EPSY 5116 3

SEMIESTER 10 (Master’s)
EDCI 5093 – Practicum 4
EDCI 5095 – Seminar 3
EPSY 5195 - Research Course 1
Diversity (either semester) 3
Literacy Course (either semester) 3
EPSY 5221 – Wise Technology (either semester) 1
EPSY 5142 – Individualized Positive Behavior Support*** 3
Elective (either semester) 0-3

***Students typically take EPSY 5142 spring of senior year and may transfer it to the master’s program

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