Exceptional Child Education

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

The College of Education creates a supportive climate to help all education majors meet the rigor of teacher education. Exceptional Child Education students have the opportunity to participate in Tomorrow’s Teachers Learning Community which links cohort learning and living opportunities. Students also receive support in preparation for the Missouri General Education Assessment required for admission. We also provide our future educators the tools to learn to use and integrate instructional technology across our curriculum. This program of study is also available at a regional campus (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston). Join our EDvolution of future educators!

Exceptional Child Education students will...

- Be certified to teach students with exceptional learning needs in K - 12 upon successful completion of this program and licensure exams.
- Add on certification in Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 6).
- Participate in multiple field experiences in local classrooms.
- Integrate technology into the curriculum with our EDvolution one-to-one instructional technology program.
- Have the opportunity for student teaching abroad, including our partnership with Eagles College in Iquique, Chile.
- Have opportunities for leadership in our numerous student organizations.
- Have full-time faculty with experience in the classroom as their primary instructors.

Career Planning

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students graduating before spring 2017 must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to be recommended for licensure and must pass the relevant Praxis II or Mo Content Exam. Students graduating spring 2017 or later must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the Mo Content Exam and the Missouri Preservice Teacher Assessment for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as the Missouri Educator Profile and be cleared through a FBI background check.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CL001/CL002     | First Semester  | Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL003           | Junior Year     | Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004           | Senior Year     | Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Education Outlook

- Students secure teaching positions across the state of Missouri, in surrounding states, and beyond.
- Exceptional Child Education graduates with add-on certification in Elementary Education find jobs as special education teachers in the elementary, middle or secondary grades, as well as general elementary teachers in public or private schools.
- Placement rates are high for alumni. Special education is a high need field, with our graduates in demand.
- First year teachers report feeling well prepared by Southeast Missouri State University on our annual survey of first-year teachers.
- Principals also report exceptional child graduates are well-prepared as beginning teachers.

EDvolution

All students in the College of Education must rent or purchase an iPad for use during the program.

- Tech for You: become a better student with technology
- Tech for Us: learn how to teach with technology
- Tech for Them: use technology in your field experiences

Admission Requirements to COE

- Cumulative 2.75 GPA
- 42 hours of course credits
- Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) results on file
- ED 280 completed with a grade of “B” or above
- Pass all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment. Current Pass Scores for MoGEA
  - English - 186
  - Writing - 167
  - Math - 177
  - Science - 183
  - Social Studies - 183
  - Scores based on passage by August 2015.

Field and Clinical Experiences

Early – explore the role of educators before you commit to the degree
Mid-level: exceptional child majors do field experiences with elementary, middle and secondary aged students with exceptional learning needs, as well as in the general elementary aged classroom
Student Teaching- semester long, co-teaching capstone experience, working with a special educator in a K – 12 classroom setting

Graduation Requirements

- Cumulative 2.75 GPA
- 3.0 GPA professional education courses
- Pass Missouri Content Exam in required areas for licensure
- Complete all required course work and field experiences

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This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

“Critical Courses” are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

### Exceptional Child Education students must be admitted to the College of Education prior to enrolling in upper division (300 level or above) education courses.

### Professional Education Requirements:

A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in education courses. A grade of ‘B’ is required in ED 280.

- **CF 233** Creative Thought & Expression in Children (3)
- **ED 280** Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)
- **EF 400** Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- **EL 274** Diversity in American Schools (3)
- **EL 300** Assistive and Instructional Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- **EL 314** Literacy Field Experience (3)
- **EL 316** Emergent and Early Literacy Instruction (3)
- **EL 317** Elementary and Middle School Literacy Instruction (3)
- **EL 350** Content Field Experience (3)
- **EL 354** Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers (3)
- **EL 355** Literacy in the Content Area (3)
- **EL 360** Integrated Math, Science, Social Sciences, Health Instruction (3)
- **EL 420** Assessment & Data Analysis (3)
- **EX 302** Language Development of Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 304** Classroom & Behavior Management (3)
- **EX 305** Content Area Teaching: Learning and Transitioning for Secondary Students with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 309** Advanced Field Experience in the Education of Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 311** Introduction to Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 312** Diagnosis and Remediation of Math Difficulties (3)
- **EX 317** Assessment and Techniques of Teaching Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 373** Strategies and Techniques for Teaching the Child / Adolescent with Exceptionalities (3)
- **EX 480** Exceptional Child Education Student Teaching (12)
- **EX 507** Families and the Child with Exceptionalities (3)
- **LI 243** Children’s Literature (3)
- **MA 118** Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)
- **MA 418** Geometry for Educators (4)
- **PY/CF 120 or PY 222** Development of the Adolescent (3)
- **UI 506** Education Law and Society (3)

### Additional requirements:

(Some courses may also meet University Studies requirements)

- **BS 118** Process Science Elementary Teachers (1)
- **BS 218** Biological Science: A Process Approach (3)
- **EC 101** Economic Problems and Policies (3)
- **EN 100** English Composition I (3)
- **EN 140** Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- **PH 218** Physical Science: A Process Approach (3)
- **PS 103** U.S. Political Systems (3)
- **SC 105** Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- **UI 308** Physical & Cultural Landscapes (3)
- **US 105** American History I (3)

### University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

- **UI100**, one **IU/UI 3xx**

(Students who score less than 22 on the ACT math subscore must also take MA 018 lab support).

This program includes the course work for add-on certification in Elementary Education (1st – 6th grades).

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## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

### Degree Map 2015-2016

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**Milestone:** Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, Complete MEP

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**Milestone:** Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, 3.0 GPA in Ed courses

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**Milestone:** 2.75 cumulative grade point average.

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

### Degree requirements for all students:

- A minimum of 120 credit hours,
- Completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004),
- Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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