ED: Special Education (EDSE)

Courses

EDSE A311Y Special Children from Birth through Five 3 Credits
Examines foundational concepts, laws, policies and procedures in early intervention (EI) and early childhood special education services (ECSE). Emphasizes young children with disabilities, family collaboration, Individual with Disabilities Education Act, and an introduction to effective interventions and evidence-based practices.

Registration Restrictions: Junior, senior or graduate standing
Prerequisites: EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A365 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A313Y Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports for Early Childhood 3 Credits
Provides a critical study of theoretical and practical issues related to positive behavior supports in early childhood settings. Emphasizes concepts and skills needed to conduct functional behavior assessments and to design, implement and evaluate behavior support programs. Includes effective and evidence-based prevention, teaching and reinforcement strategies, along with crisis management strategies for young children.

Prerequisites: EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A365 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A320Y Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
Compares methods of assessment for young children with a focus on ecological and family-centered approaches. Topics include authentic, curriculum-based and norm-referenced assessment methods, IDEA Part C and Part B eligibility, legal and ethical implications, and special considerations for cultural and linguistically diverse populations.

Special Note: This course requires 15 field hours and may require a background check.
Prerequisites: EDSE A311Y with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A336 Classroom Guidance and Behavior Management 3 Credits
Focuses on the theories and evidence-based practice of classroom guidance and behavior management for students with exceptional learning needs. Emphasizes culturally responsive practices in the social-emotional development of students with exceptional learning needs.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing and departmental approval
Prerequisites: EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A422Y Strategies: Infants & Toddler Special Education 3 Credits
Provides a critical study and application of best practices in evidence-based intervention strategies for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays. Focuses on family-centered routines- and activity-based intervention in the home, natural environment and infant/toddler early care settings.

Special Note: Course requires 15 field hours and may require a background check.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A622Y
Prerequisites: EDSE A311Y with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A423Y Strategies: Preschool Special Education 3 Credits

Special Note: This course requires 15 field hours and may require a background check.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A623Y
Prerequisites: EDSE A311Y with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A425 Math for Special Learners 3 Credits

Registration Restrictions: Admission to the School of Education and departmental approval
Prerequisites: (EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A365 with a minimum grade of C) and (EDFN A300 with a minimum grade of C or EDFN A304 with a minimum grade of C) and MATH A211 with a minimum grade of C and MATH A212 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A482 Inclusive Classrooms for All Children 3 Credits
Provides an in-depth understanding of concepts, strategies and issues that surround supporting the learning and development of students with exceptional learning needs in the general education classroom.

Registration Restrictions: Junior standing or higher

EDSE A483 Language and Literacy: Assessment and Interventions 3 Credits
Focuses on literacy development for children who have special needs, are linguistically and culturally diverse, and/or at-risk for learning problems. The relationship among language, reading, and writing is explored. Topics include assessment, instructional strategies, Individualized Education Program (IEP) development, and models of literacy programs.
EDSE A484 Collaboration and Partnerships Between Families and Professionals 3 Credits
Explores concepts, strategies and issues that surround working with families and other collaborative partners of students with exceptional learning needs. Presents concepts and strategies necessary to prepare pre-service special education teachers for culturally responsive collaborative partnerships, including family-professional interactions and professional-professional interactions.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore standing or higher and departmental approval. Completion of or concurrent registration in EDSE A482 recommended.
Prerequisites: EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A486 Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities 3 Credits
Provides knowledge, strategies and resources necessary to prepare adolescents and young adults with disabilities for the transition from school to future careers, continuing education and independent living.
Special Note: Requires field placement.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the School of Education and departmental approval required.
Prerequisites: (EDEC A107 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A365 with a minimum grade of C) and (EDFN A300 with a minimum grade of C or EDFN A304 with a minimum grade of C).

EDSE A490 Selected Topics: Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
Focuses on milestones in the developmental domains of communication, early literacy and play.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A690

EDSE A495A Field Experience in Special Education: Elementary 3 Credits
Supervised 80-hour field experience in a K-6 special education/inclusive classroom.

Special Note: Weekly seminar required.
Registration Restrictions: Senior standing, departmental approval and admission to field experience.
Prerequisites: EDSE A336 with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A425 with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A483 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A495Y Field Experience in Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
Supervised 80-hour field placement in early intervention and/or early childhood special education setting.

Special Note: Weekly seminar required.
Prerequisites: EDSE A313 with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A410Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A411Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A422Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A423Y with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A607 Foundations for Infant and Toddler Social Emotional Health and Development 3 Credits
Examines infant and toddler development within the context of caregiving relationships. Topics include developmental theory, attachment and emotional relationships, social development and learning, and cultural and societal influences on early childhood development.

Special Note: This course requires 15 hours of field experience and may require a background check.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and departmental approval.

EDSE A610 Clinical Assessment: Eligibility and Program Planning 3 Credits
Provides a practical, applied approach for analyzing and synthesizing assessment for eligibility, program planning, and progress monitoring. Course includes techniques for formal and informal tools and procedures with a review of terminology and statistics. Emphasizes concepts related to assessment including response to intervention, culturally and linguistically diverse learners, academically diverse learners, and accommodations.

Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A610Y Assessment of Infants & Toddlers in Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
Provides a practical, applied approach of methods for assessing infants and toddlers with special needs in partnership with families. Course emphasizes methods used for eligibility determination, intervention and program planning. Administration and interpretation of authentic assessments and standardized, norm-referenced tools are emphasized along with special considerations for children from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Special Note: Course includes a 30 hour field experience and may require a background check.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and admission to the Special Education Program or graduate certificate in Children's Mental Health.
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A611Y Assessment in Preschool Special Education 3 Credits
Provides a practical, applied approach for analyzing and synthesizing assessment information for eligibility, program planning and progress monitoring with children 3-5 years old. Emphasizes concepts related to authentic and play-based assessment, curriculum-based assessments, multi-tiered systems of support and applications for cultural and linguistically diverse populations.

Special Note: This course includes a 30 hour field experience and may require a background check.
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C.
EDSE A612 Curriculum and Strategies I: Low Incidence 3 Credits
Development, implementation and evaluation of IEPs for students with intensive needs (e.g., autism, multiple disabilities, physical disabilities). Provides in-depth understanding of evidence-based practices for supporting students with low incidence disabilities. Emphasizes inclusive educational settings and collaborative skills needed to work effectively with parents and other professionals to provide a comprehensive inclusive program to students with intensive needs.

Special Note: Course includes 15 hours of field experience.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and departmental approval.

EDSE A622 Curriculum and Strategies II: High Incidence 3 Credits
Development, implementation, and evaluation of IEPs for students with mild to moderate learning and behavior challenges. Provides in-depth understanding of best practice strategies for supporting students with high incidence disabilities. Emphasizes inclusive educational settings and collaborative skills needed to work effectively with other professionals.

Special Note: Course includes 15 hours of field experience.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and department approval.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A422

EDSE A622Y Strategies and Interventions: Infant and Toddler Special Education 3 Credits
Provides in-depth understanding and application of best practices in evidence-based intervention strategies for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays, including those at-risk. Focuses on family-centered routines- and activity-based intervention in the home and infant/toddler early care settings.

Special Note: Course requires a 15-hour field placement and may require a background check.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and admission to the Special Education Program or Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A422Y
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A623 Language and Literacy: Best Practices in Assessment and Intervention 3 Credits
Current research on literacy acquisition, assessment, and intervention. Emphasizes use of evidence-based practices in assessment and intervention. Identifies the link between language and literacy development and intervention. Considers academic, cultural, and linguistic diversity.

Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A623Y Strategies and Interventions: Preschool Special Education 3 Credits
Provides a critical study and application of best practices in evidence-based intervention strategies for preschool-aged children with disabilities, developmental delays or those at-risk for delays. Focuses on inclusive practices, tiered instructional approaches, and the application of routines-based and activity-based intervention in preschool settings.
Special Note: This course requires 15 hours of field experience and may require a background check.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and admission to Special Education Program or Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health.
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A423Y
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A624 Social/Emotional Development, Assessment, and Intervention 3 Credits
Current research in both normal and abnormal social/emotional development. Emphasizes the use of research-based practices in assessment and intervention. Explores academic and cultural diversity in the social/emotional growth of students with learning differences.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A625 Teaching Mathematics to Special Learners 3 Credits
Provides assessment and instructional strategies in mathematics for teachers of students with disabilities. Focuses on standards-based instruction, explicit instruction, curriculum-based assessments, and preparation of students for high stakes testing.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A632 Special Education Law: Principles and Practices 3 Credits
Examines three federal laws that form the foundation of disability law: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Focuses on substantive principles that underlie procedural requirements. Includes due process issues and case law analysis. Includes creation of a legally defensible Individual Educational Program (IEP).
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A633 Autism: Communication and Social Disorders 3 Credits
Focuses on evidence-based practice for teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the school and community settings. Emphasizes teaming with families, related service providers, and community agencies to achieve best outcomes.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and departmental approval

EDSE A635 Universal Design for Learning: Differentiation of Instruction for All Learners 3 Credits
Examination and exploration of research-based strategies and interventions designed to differentiate instruction for students with exceptional learning needs. Focuses on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Addresses the role of assistive technology in differentiating instruction to support diverse learners in school and community settings.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing in the College of Arts and Sciences School of Education
EDSE A637 Inclusive Teaching and Learning in Content Area Classrooms 3 Credits
Focuses on the inclusion of students with special learning needs and disabilities in the content area classroom. Addresses the philosophy of inclusion and the role of the content area teacher in providing appropriate classroom instruction for all the students within the inclusive classroom and other least restrictive settings.
Registration Restrictions: Departmental approval and graduate standing
Prerequisites: EDFN A601 with a minimum grade of C and EDFN A602 with a minimum grade of C and EDFN A603 with a minimum grade of C.

EDSE A674 Family Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
A family systems approach to the intervention for young children with disabilities. Methods in using tools that promote family involvement in the intervention are emphasized.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

EDSE A677 Multidisciplinary Seminar in Children's Mental Health 1 Credit
Provides an interdisciplinary approach to working with children and families in a variety of behavioral/mental health and educational settings.
Special Note: Course is one credit per semester over two sequential semesters.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: PSY A677 and SWK A677

EDSE A686 Transition Services for Secondary Students with Disabilities 3 Credits
In-depth examination of issues related to transition programming for secondary students with disabilities within educational, personal/social and community-based settings. Content addresses transition planning processes, curricular implications, curriculum-based vocational assessment and community-based instruction.
Special Note: Course includes 15 hours of field experience.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and department approval

EDSE A690 Selected Topics in Special Education or Early Childhood Special Education 3 Credits
Current issues of concern to professionals in special education and related fields.
Special Note: Students who take EDSE A490 may take EDSE A690 for credit. May be repeated with a change of title.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
May Be Stacked With: EDSE A490

EDSE A691 Children's Mental Health Systems of Care 3 Credits
Expands systems of care as a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that are organized, multidisciplinary, and in partnership with youth and family. Addresses the cultural and linguistic needs of families in order to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: PSY A691 and SWK A691

EDSE A692 Internship Seminar in Special Education Teaching 1 Credit
The seminar is an ongoing exchange during students' internship experience where interns are both participants and developers. Students share their own experiences and engage in and discuss what it means to participate in an ongoing process of professional development as teachers and learners in their classrooms and school communities.
Special Note: Must be enrolled in one of the following internships: EDSE A695E or EDSE A695S.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing and department approval
Prerequisites: EDSE A610 and EDSE A612 and EDSE A622 and EDSE A623 and EDSE A624 and EDSE A625.

EDSE A692Y Internship Seminar in Early Childhood Special Education Teaching 1 Credit
Provides students with opportunities to share about and reflect upon their experiences during Advanced Internship in Early Childhood Special Education. Students engage in and discuss what it means to participate in an ongoing process of professional development as teachers and learners and critically reflect upon their practice.
Registration Restrictions: Department approval
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A610Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A611Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A622Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A623Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A674 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: EDSE A695Y.

EDSE A695E Advanced Internship in Special Education: Elementary 3-6 Credits
Supervised internship in elementary school settings with children with disabilities.
Special Note: Must apply by specified deadline—see advisor.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing. Departmental approval.

EDSE A695S Advanced Internship in Special Education: Secondary 3-6 Credits
Supervised internship in secondary school settings with children with disabilities.
Special Note: Must apply by specified deadline—see advisor.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing. Department approval.

EDSE A695Y Advanced Internship: Early Childhood Special Education 3-6 Credits
Special Note: This course requires 500 hours of internship, of which a minimum of 200 hours must be in an infant learning setting and a minimum of 200 hours must be in a school district setting. The remaining 100 hours can be applied to either setting.
Registration Restrictions: Department approval
Prerequisites: EDSE A607 with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A610Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A611Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A622Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A623Y with a minimum grade of C and EDSE A674 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: EDSE A692Y.