



School of Education & Human Development

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Special Education Generalist Endorsement, Ages 5-21
This course plan does NOT lead to a Master's degree

The Special Education Generalist Endorsement is designed for currently licensed teachers seeking career advancement and to provide the expertise needed to work effectively with students with special needs and diverse backgrounds.

CU Denver provides approved program recommendation, but endorsement is granted by the state of Colorado. State requirements vary and may include teaching experience and exams in addition to a valid teaching credential.

Students are responsible for reviewing the CU Denver Special Education Resources website regularly, including the Handbook and SPED course rotation.

Note: It is advisable to reach out to your Faculty Advisor at the beginning of your program (to answer initial questions) and to check in with them at the middle/end of your program (to confirm your progress.)

Table with 3 columns: Courses - complete in any order unless otherwise noted, Credits, Semester Completed. Rows include SPED 5030, SPED 5740, SPED 5010, SPED 5151, SPED 5300, SPED 5780, SPED 5140, SPED 5500, internship options (UEDU 5932/5933), and Total Credit Hours (21-29).



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## Praxis Exam Requirements and Policy

Information about the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) **Praxis requirements** for the Special Education Generalist Endorsement, can be found on this page by scrolling down to “Special Education Generalist (ages 5-21)”: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements>

Please check CDE’s Praxis requirements regularly because CDE requirements can change.

Information about Praxis exams can be found at <https://praxis.ets.org/>

**If you’re required to complete UEDU 5923 and/or UEDU 5933 internships**, the Praxis Exam - 5355 “Special Education Foundational Knowledge” must be passed prior to final internship. Information about preparing for the PRAXIS 5355 can be found at <https://praxis.ets.org/test/5355>. A Study Guide for the Exam is available through SEHD Student Success Center: [sehdsuccesscenter@ucdenver.edu](mailto:sehdsuccesscenter@ucdenver.edu) If the special education candidate has not passed the appropriate content exam AND submitted passing scores within 20 days of the final semester of internships beginning, the candidate will be required to delay their final semester of internships and connected courses until the exam has been passed. Please be aware that the exam is offered a few times per year and requires advance registration. Also be aware that it typically takes 4-6 weeks to receive the results. Please see the table below for more detailed information. For accommodations for the exam, please request those immediately from ETS. CU Denver Disability Resources & Services can support you as you navigate accommodations: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/offices/disability-resources-and-services>

### **Applying for the Special Education Generalist Endorsement through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE)**

Once you have completed your program in the School of Education & Human Development, you will need to assemble documents to apply for your Special Education Generalist endorsement through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Instructions for applying for your endorsement through CDE can be found at <https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/teacher-licensure>