



School of Education & Human Development

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Special Education Generalist Endorsement, Ages 5-21

This course plan does NOT lead to MA degree

The Special Education Generalist Endorsement is designed for currently licensed teachers seeking career advancement and the expertise needed to work effectively with students with special needs and from diverse backgrounds. The program is fully accredited by the Colorado Department of Education and guided by the [Council for Exceptional Children's Professional Preparation Standards](#).

Recommendations for endorsements are made by the Special Education Program, but endorsement is granted by the state of Colorado. Individual state requirements vary and may include teaching experience and examinations in addition to a valid teaching credential. Students should consult with the Colorado Department of Education (http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/licensure_authorization_landing) or the state in which they wish to be endorsed for the most updated endorsement requirements.

Students are responsible for reviewing the Special Education Resources website regularly, including the Handbook and SPED course rotation: <https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/graduate/special-education>
SPED Courses may be offered in online, hybrid, remote, or face-to-face formats. SPED course formats can vary by semester and some courses are offered only once per year.

Courses - complete in any order unless otherwise noted	Credits	Semester Completed
SPED 5030: Frameworks for Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms <i>(waived if SPED 4030 or SPED 5030 already completed)</i>	3	
SPED 5740: Intersections of Literacy, Culture, & Exceptionality	3	
SPED 5010: Intentional Interventions for Exceptional Learners	3	
SPED 5151: Slashing Stigmas: Promoting Positive Behaviors	3	
SPED 5300: Family, Professional, and Community Collaboration	3	
SPED 5780: Literacy Interventions for Exceptional Learners	3	
SPED 5140: Assessment: Inquiry, Instruction, & Intervention <i>(take after completion of at least 9 semester hours of SPED coursework)</i>	3	
SPED 5500: Transition and Secondary Issues in Special Education	3	
If internship is required <i>(based upon faculty review from your admission application of your teaching experience & classroom placements):</i> SPED 5932: Internship & Site Seminar (2 credits, ~128 Hours or 16 days); SPED 5933: Internship & Site Seminar (3 credits, ~192 Hours or 24 days)	(2-5)	
Additional pre-requisite courses, if necessary <i>(based upon faculty review from your admission application of your teaching experience & classroom placements):</i>	varies	
Total Credit Hours		21-26



Content Licensure Exam Policy

If you're required to complete internship, the [Praxis Exam - 5354](#) "Special Education Core Knowledge & Application" **must be passed prior to final internship**. A Study Guide for the Exam is available through SEHD Student Success Center: 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 have to delay their final semester of internships and connected courses until the exam has been passed.** Please be aware that the exam is offered 4-5 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. If you need 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>

Information about preparing for the PRAXIS 5354 can be found at <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5354>

Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, the Praxis 5205 will be a Colorado Department of Education required licensure exam for any teacher applying for added endorsement in special education generalist with the following allowances:

- Current elementary and special education candidates in a Colorado approved educator preparation program who have attempted and/or passed all or even one subtest of the Elementary Praxis 5001 series **prior to Oct. 1, 2021**, will not be required to take Praxis exams 5901 and 5205, *as long as* they submit for their initial license or added endorsement **no later than Dec. 31, 2022**.

License Type	Prior Exam Requirements	Current Requirements
Special Education Generalist	5354: Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354: Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications
	5001: Elementary Educ: Multiple Subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading/Lang. Arts • Mathematics • Social Studies • Science 	5901: Elementary Educ: 3 Subject Bundle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Social Studies • Science
		5205: Teaching Reading: Elementary

Full information about CDE's Praxis requirements for the Special Education Generalist Endorsement, can be found on this page by scrolling down to "Special Education Teacher Endorsements":

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements>