SPECIAL EDUCATION, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Entrance to Major

Baccalaureate degree candidates must meet the following requirements 1-3 by the end of their third semester:

1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00
2. Satisfaction of the ETS Praxis CORE exam, in order to meet the Pennsylvania Department of Education Basic Skills Testing requirement.
3. Documentation of at least 80 hours of volunteer or paid education work experience with learners of the age group the candidate plans to teach. Candidates for Special Education must document two separate 40-hour experiences in two different settings, with learners who have special needs. One experience should include learners with a different level of severity or functioning (e.g., mild/severe, young/adult) from those learners in the other experience. One experience should also include learners with cultural, social, or ethnic backgrounds different from the candidates own.

Requirements 4-9 must be met by the end of the fourth semester when students typically participate in the Entrance-to-Major process.

1. A grade of “C” or better in all specified courses.
2. Completion of an early field experience specified by the certification program.
3. Completion of a core of Education courses specified by the certification program.
4. Completion of additional credits as specified by the certification program.
5. Completion of at least 48 semester credit hours, including ENGL 15 or ENGL 30H, three credits of literature, and six credits of quantification.
6. Approval from the professional education adviser or the head of the pertinent certification program.