

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Special Education emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in the areas of Special Education Teacher for preschool, elementary, middle, and high school, as well as vocational and adult education facilities.

| Career | Beginning Average Salary | Median Average Salary (15 Years Experience) |
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| Special Education Teachers | \$39,562 | \$73,572 |

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

Per the *Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010*, this degree will be transferable to any of the following universities offering a Baccalaureate degree in this major:

- Austin Peay State University
- East Tennessee State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Tennessee, Martin

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. The most current information is available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Special Education (A. S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
ENGL 1010, 1020
SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)*
HIST 2010, 2020

Literature Requirement (Take one course)
ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)
Take either: ART 1030 or MUS 1030
Take either: PHIL 1030 or PHIL 2030

Natural Sciences Requirement
BIOL 1110
Take 1 course from: ASTR 1030, GEOG 1010, GEOG 1020, or
PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)
MATH 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)
GEOG 2010
POLS 1030

Major Required Courses
BIOL 1120** or CHEM 1110**
EDU 201, 222
EDU 221(Recommended) or PSYC 2130 (Accepted)
MATH 1410***, MATH 1420

*Replace with non-US history sequence if intending to transfer to UT-Knoxville or UT-Chattanooga.

**Replace the additional lab science course with Intermediate Foreign Language course if intending to transfer to UT-Knoxville.

***Replace MATH 1410 with Intermediate Language course if intending to transfer to UT-Knoxville.

These courses are to prepare candidates for SE Interventionist K-8 and SPED Comprehensive K-12 licensure programs. Students transferring to a UT or TBR university may need to meet additional requirements to gain admittance to that university's Special Education program. Check with university for specific program requirements. Students transferring to UT-Knoxville need to be formally admitted to the program during Semester 4.

Criminal background checks are required of all enrolled education students prior to participating in course required classroom field experiences at affiliate public and private schools. Based on the results of the criminal background check, an affiliate school may determine not to allow a student's presence at their school. This could result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of a specific course and the program. More information is available from education lead faculty.

Each student enrolled in education courses must show proof of individual liability insurance prior to the onset of the required classroom field experience. More information is available from the education lead faculty.

Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

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| ___ ENGL 1010 | Composition I | 3 |
| ___ EDU 201 | Introduction to Education | 3 |
| ___ Mathematics Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ BIOL 1110 | General Biology I | 4 |
| ___ HIST 2010* | Survey of Unites States History I | 3 |
| ___ COLS 101 | Columbia State College Success | 1 |
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First Year – Spring Semester

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| ___ ENGL 1020 | Composition II | 3 |
| ___ BIOL 1120** | General Biology II <u>or</u> | |
| ___ CHEM 1110 | General Chemistry I | 4 |
| ___ GEOG 2010 | World Regional Geography | 3 |
| ___ ART 1030 | Introduction to Visual Arts <u>or</u> | |
| ___ MUS 1030 | Music Appreciation | 3 |
| ___ HIST 2020* | Survey of United States History II | 3 |
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Second Year – Fall Semester

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| ___ Literature Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ MATH 1410*** | Number Concepts for Elementary Education | 3 |
| ___ PHIL 1030 | Introduction to Philosophy <u>or</u> | |
| ___ PHIL 2030 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 |
| ___ EDU 222 | Education of Exceptional Learners | 3 |
| ___ Natural Sciences Requirement | | 4 |
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Second Year – Spring Semester

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| ___ POLS 1030 | American Government | 3 |
| ___ SPCH 1010 | Fundamentals of Speech Communication <u>or</u> | |
| ___ SPCH 1030 | Argumentation and Debate | 3 |
| ___ MATH 1420 | Geometry for Elementary Education | 3 |
| ___ EDU 221 | Educational Psychology | 3 |
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 61

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
- taking the Exit Exam.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

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