

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	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Special Education Teacher	Bachelor's degree	\$39,870	\$51,140	\$60,040

Career and salary information taken from JOBS4TN.GOV. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Special Education (A. S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

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

Literature Requirement (Take one course)
ENGL 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)
Take either: ART 1035 or MUS 1030
Take either: PHIL 1030 or PHIL 1040

Natural Sciences Requirement
BIOL 1110
Take 1 course from: ASTR 1030, ESCI 1010, ESCI 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**
COLS 101
EDU 201, 222
EDUC 2210 (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

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ EDU 201	Introduction to Education	3
___ MATH 1530 or higher		3
___ BIOL 1110	General Biology I	4
___ HIST 2010*	Early Unites States History	3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
___ BIOL 1120**	General Biology II <u>or</u>	
___ CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I	4
___ GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography	3
___ ART 1035	Introduction to Art <u>or</u>	
___ MUS 1030	Introduction to Music	3
___ HIST 2020*	Modern United States History	3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ MATH 1410***	Number Concepts for Teachers	3
___ PHIL 1030	Introduction to Philosophy <u>or</u>	
___ PHIL 1040	Introduction to Ethics	3
___ EDU 222	Education of Exceptional Learners	3
___ Natural Sciences Requirement		4
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ POLS 1030	American Government	3
___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication <u>or</u>	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ MATH 1420	Geometry Concepts for Teachers	3
___ EDUC 2210	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.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 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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