

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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LICENSURE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION – INITIAL

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individual seeking an initial license and/or training in special education. It also serves those with bachelor's or advanced degrees who want to gain a more comprehensive knowledge of special education in the school systems. Parents, administrators, and community service workers have benefited from this program. This program qualifies students to apply for initial licensure from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the state for specific, current licensure requirements.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application form or online.

Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.

- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000 word, type-written, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?
Is there any other information that you think would help the Admissions Committee to evaluate your application?

Additional requirements for individuals pursuing initial license:

- Submit evidence of a passing score on the Communication and Literacy portion of the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL). Information on this test is available in the Graduate School.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall admission: June 1 | Spring admission: October 1 | Summer admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Foundations Credits

- EDU 720 Child Growth and Development 3
- EDU 725 Introduction to Literacy Practices in Early Childhood and Elementary Education 3
- EDU 999EM Teaching Elementary and Middle School Math and Science 3

Special Education Content

- EDG 790 Introduction to Special Education 3
- EDS 891 Methods and Materials in the Education of Students with Moderate Disabilities 3
- EDS 990Y Psycho-educational Assessment of Exceptional Students 3
- EDU 801 Classroom Management and Behavior Modification 3
- EDU 829 Teaching the Exceptional Young Child (PK-8)
OR
- EDS 890 Education and Transition of Secondary Students with Disabilities (5-12) 3

Practicum*

- EDS 959P Practicum/Internship in Moderate Special Needs 3

This is a restricted admission course which requires pre-registration with the program coordinator. The initial course sequence must be completed prior to registration. A determination regarding the necessity of completing the practicum is made at the Plan of Study meeting.

Total Credits: 27

Please note: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that students complete 1) the appropriate Massachusetts Educator Licensure Test (MTEL) in a content area and 2) the Foundations of Reading test.

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Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.
