I. Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to those applicants who possess baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university. Applicants must submit supporting documents as required for general admission to a graduate program. Applicants must have earned a 2.75 or better undergraduate cumulative average. The General Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is required.

II. Placement Exam

Candidates must pass a placement exam to demonstrate competencies in the basic/pre-requisite skills needed for the M.Ed. in Special Education. Those candidates that do not pass the placement exam must complete SPED 600 and pass the course with a grade of B or better. NOTE – The 3 credits from SPED 600 does not count as credits required in the M.Ed. Program.

III. Knowledge Core cont’d

- SPED 578 Special Education Law for Students with Disabilities: New Challenges for Educators (3); SPED 652 Seminar in the Psychology of Individuals Who Are Emotionally Disturbed (3)
- SPED 601 Psychological Aspects of Individuals with Disabilities (3); SPED 665 Transition and Supportive Employment for Adults with Disabilities (3)

IV. Concentrations (12 s.h.)

Limited Supports
- SPED 580 Diagnostics And Assessment Strategies for Students with Disabilities (3); SPED 652 Seminar in the Psychology of Individuals Who Are Emotionally Disturbed (3)
- SPED 601 Psychological Aspects of Individuals with Disabilities (3); SPED 665 Transition and Supportive Employment for Adults with Disabilities (3)

Choose one:
- EDTE 592 Teaching Technology in the Elementary School (3)
- EDFN 520 Instructional Technology in Elementary Education (3)

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Extensive Supports
- SPED 580 Diagnostics and Assessment Strategies for Students with Disabilities (3)
- SPED 644 Seminar in Effective Teaching for Students with Multiple Disabilities (3)
- SPED 671 Behavior Management: Strategy Systems for Special Education (3)

Choose one:
- EDTE 592 Teaching Technology in the Elementary School (3)
- EDFN 520 Instructional Technology in Elementary Education (3)

V. Research & Field Options (6 s.h.)

Choose one:
- SPED 689 Advanced Research Seminar (3) & Thesis (3)
- SPED 689 Advanced Research Seminar (3) & Action Research Project (3)