

SPECIAL EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION) - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

The undergraduate special education program is an CAEP accredited program designed to prepare teacher candidates for dual licensure in special education and elementary education. The B.S. Special Education (Elementary Education) degree embeds the Language Arts Teaching Field/Concentration and the Bilingual/TESL endorsements. **Note: For certification in the State of New Mexico the Bilingual/TESL endorsements require 6 credits of a language other than English.** Students graduate with the preparation to teach in environments across the continuum of special education services. In addition to special education coursework, students complete an academic teaching field within their major.

All students wishing to complete a degree in Special Education must apply to the Teacher Education Program. Additional information on the application process can be obtained from the College of Education Educational Support and Resource Center or on the departmental website (<https://tpal.nmsu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/ug-eece.html>). A 2.75 minimum GPA is required for admission to the Teacher Education Program, and a 2.75 minimum GPA must be maintained for graduation. *Students must earn a "C-" or better in all education, TEP prerequisite, endorsement, and teaching field courses.*

Students should meet with the College of Education Undergraduate Resource Center to plan appropriate general education courses for a special education major. See "General Requirements" in the "College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/health-education-social-transformation/>)" section. Students must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program as a condition for enrolling in courses that lead to licensure. Students must pass ENGL, MATH, all education, and teaching field/concentration courses with a C- or better.

Teaching Field: Language Arts

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 129 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 3000 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I ¹	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science ^{1, 2}	3
or ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication ^{2,3}	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	

<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II ¹	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	11
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (8 credits) ⁴</i>		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
HIST 1130G	World History I	3
or HIST 1140G	World History II	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i>		
Choose one from the following courses		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	3
DANC 1110G	Dance Appreciation	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
HIST 1110G	United States History I	3
or HIST 1120G	United States History II	
Viewing the Wider World ⁵		
Departmental/College Requirements		
<i>Education Core Requirements</i>		
BLED 1110	Introduction n Bilingual Education/ESL ^{1,6}	3
SPED 3105	Introduction to Special Education in a Diverse Society ¹	3
EDLT 3110	Integrating Technology with Teaching ¹	3
SPED 4220	Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3
SPED 4210	Introduction to Assessment of Diverse Exceptional Learners	3
SPED 4120	High Incidence Disabilities in a Diverse Society ³	3
SPED 4110	Low Incidence Disabilities in a Diverse Society ³	3
SPED 4811	Practicum in Education, Equity and Cultural Diversity ³	3
<i>Student Teaching</i>		
SPED 4820	Student Teaching SPED ²	9
SPED 4840	Special Education/ Secondary Student Teaching Seminar	3
<i>Elementary Education Teaching Methods</i>		
<i>Block A</i>		
BLED 3130	Language, Literacy, and Culture in the ESL Classrooms ^{3,6}	3
EDUC 4310	Methods of Teaching Elementary School Science ³	3
EDUC 4320	Methods of Teaching Elementary School Mathematics ³	3
READ 4310	Elementary School Literacy I ^{2,3}	3
SPED 3120	Elementary Curriculum, Methods, and Materials for Special Education in a Diverse Society ³	3
<i>Block B</i>		
BLED 3120	Sheltered English Instruction for the ESL Classroom ^{3,6}	3
EDUC 4330	Methods of Teaching Elementary School Social Studies ³	3
BLED 4110	Second Language Acquisition ^{3,6}	3
READ 4320	Elementary School Literacy II ^{2,3}	3
READ 3110	Instruction for Special Reading Needs ^{2,3}	3
<i>Remaining Bilingual/TESOL Courses</i>		
BLED 2110	Bilingual Methods ^{1,6}	3

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BLED 3140	Issues in Schooling for Bilingual Learners ⁶	3
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics (recommended for Language Arts Teaching Field/Bilingual TESOL endorsement) ^{2,6}	3
LING 302V	Language and Society ^{2,6}	3
SPED 3110	Bilingual/Multicultural Special Education ^{3,6}	3
Non-Departmental Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW)		
ENGL 363	Literature for Children and Young Adults ²	3
MATH 1134	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I ¹	3
Choose one from the following:		3
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography	
or GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1120G	American National Government	
or POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science	
Second Language: (not required)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 129		
Total Credits		129

¹ Courses are pre/co-requisites for Teacher Education Program (TEP)
² Course counts toward the Language Arts Teaching Field
³ Course requires admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP)
⁴ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
⁵ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
⁶ Course counts toward the Bilingual/TESL endorsement