SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED)

SPED 5310  Psychoeducational Testing
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Focuses on current research and best practice in assessment of
teachers, interpretation of formal and in formal assessment
data gathered through a variety of methods, assessment of students
from diverse backgrounds and the application of data gathered via a
multi-tiered system of support (MTSS). Instructor’s permission required.
Prerequisite: CNEP 5371 and 5374.

SPED 5311  Advanced Assessment
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Provides a varied assessment techniques and tools
designed to assess exceptional learners. Academic and cognitive
assessments are combined for interpretation and development of Full
and Individual Evaluations.

SPED 5315  Individuals with Exceptionalities in Schools
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course provides basic information and skills for working with
students with exceptionalities in a variety of settings. It also includes
current trends, issues, and research pertaining to persons with
exceptionalities.

SPED 5319  Introduction to Low-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course introduces students to the field of low-incidence disabilities.
Students will explore foundational concepts including: definition and
etiology, family and professional partnerships, special education law, and
standards based IEPs.

SPED 5320  Application of Learning Principles
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course prepares teachers, administrators, counselors and
diagnosticians to use a variety of applied learning principles to increase
student learning and minimize disruptive behavior.

SPED 5321  Supporting Access for Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on areas of universal design, assistive technology,
and resources that support the learning and independence of diverse
learners both in school and community settings. Class sessions will be
held both on campus and in community settings.

SPED 5324  Survey of Assistive Technology
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course is an introduction to assistive technology for individuals with
disabilities.

SPED 5325  Technology for Inclusion
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course will focus on the use of assistive technology to support and
facilitate inclusion of students with disabilities in the classroom.
Prerequisite: ETEC 5301.

SPED 5326  Assistive Technology Assessment
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course will provide systematic procedures for the assessment of
individual student’s assistive technology needs. Legal issues of assistive
technology and its impact on public education will be addressed.
Prerequisite: ETEC 5301.

SPED 5327  Motor Activity Programs for individuals with Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course examines the significant role of motor activity in the lives of people with disabilities. Major programmatic approaches to adapted
physical activity are presented.

SPED 5340  Individuals with Multiple Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course is an advanced study of the adaptations, approaches, and
supports necessary to meet the educational needs of students who have
communication, intellectual, motor, sensory, and/or medical impairments.

SPED 5380  Behavioral Supports and Interventions for Students with Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course will focus on characteristics and classifications of children
and adolescents with behavior disorders. Intervention orientations and
associated education/treatment approaches for children and adolescents
will be explored.

SPED 5385  Emergent Bilinguals in Special Education
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course is designed to prepare special educators to address the
sociocultural and ethnolinguistic needs of English learners. Particular
emphasis is placed on understanding the influence of language and
culture in the design of instruction to prevent academic difficulty; the
identification of students who need additional instructional supports;
appropriate referral, screening, and assessment of students suspected of
having disabilities; and the design of individualized education plans for
students who qualify for special education services.

SPED 5386  Strategic Reading and Language Instruction for Students
with High-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on reading and language strategies for teaching
students with disabilities, including those who are English learners. It is
designed to give students an overview of strategic reading and writing
instruction.

SPED 5387  Strategic Math and Content Area Instruction for Students
with High-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on content-area strategies for teaching exceptional
children, including those who are English learners. It is
designed to give students an overview of strategic mathematics and content area
instruction.

SPED 5388  Current Issues in Special Education
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
CURRENT ISSUES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION Addresses issues currently
facing the special education area. The course will focus on the
following topics: (1) law and litigation, (2) inclusion, (3) assessment
and individualized educational plan (IEP) procedures, (4) classification
and labeling, (5) collaboration and consultation, (6) transition, (7)
vocational education, (8) parent involvement, and (9) other relevant
cultural pluralistic issues.

SPED 5390  Professional Seminar
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Topics in Special Education vary with professional identification of
participants.
SPED 5397  Special Education Field Experience
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A field-based experience in which the student will demonstrate competencies to design and/or implement IEP's for students with disabilities, including those who are English learners. Grade assigned will be "credit" (CR) or "no credit" (NC).
Prerequisite: SPED 5315, 5320 and 5380.

SPED 5399  Individualized Programs for Students with Exceptionalities: Practicum
1-3 Semester Credit Hours (1 Lecture Hour)
Field-based practicum based on Texas Educational Diagnostician standards. This course focuses on opportunity to gain extensive field experience in the administration and interpretation of assessment instruments and the development of individualized education programs. Instructor’s permission required.
Prerequisite: CNEP 5371, 5374, SPED 5310 and 5315.

SPED 5696  Directed individual Study
1-6 Semester Credit Hours
May be repeated when topics vary.

SPED 6315  Individuals with Exceptionalities in the Schools
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Basic information and skills for working with individuals with exceptionalities in a variety of settings. Includes current trends, issues and research pertaining to individuals with disabilities. Students who have taken SPED 5315 may not enroll in SPED 6315.

SPED 6319  Introduction to Low-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course introduces students to the field of low-incidence disabilities. Students will explore foundational concepts including: definitions and etiology, family and professional partnerships, special education law, and standards based Individualized Education Program (IEPs).

SPED 6320  Applications of Learning Principles
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours, 3 Lab Hours)
This course prepares student(s) to use a variety of evidence-based approaches to increase student learning and minimize disruptive behavior.

SPED 6321  Supporting Access for Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on areas of universal design, assistive technology, and resources that support the learning and independence of diverse learners both in school and community settings. Class sessions will be held both on campus and in community settings.

SPED 6380  Behavior Intervention and Support for Students with Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course will focus on characteristics and classifications of children and adolescents with behavior disorders. Intervention orientations and associated education/treatment approaches for children and adolescents will be explained.

SPED 6385  Emergent Bilinguals in Special Education
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
The philosophical and legal foundations of bilingual special education and bilingual education in the United States will be examined. Bilingual special education and bilingual education will be defined and the rationale for these programs will also be explained. Moreover, language minority education program models will be described and aspects associated with bilingualism will be discussed. Special emphasis will be placed on a perusal of school-community dynamics relevant to language minority special education.

SPED 6386  Strategic Reading and Language Instruction for Students with High-Incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on reading and language strategies for teaching exceptional children, including those who are English learners. It is designed to give students an overview of strategic reading and writing instruction.

SPED 6387  Strategic Math and Content Area Instruction for Students with High-incidence Disabilities
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course focuses on content-area strategies for teaching exceptional children, including those who are English learners. It is designed to give students an overview of strategic mathematics and content area instruction.