

Special Education
Graduate Certificate Requirements
21 Graduate Credit Hours

Candidate Name: _____ 800# _____

Semester of Program Start: _____ Semester of Program Completion: _____

Admission Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Program

1. An undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited 4-year institution.
2. A minimum GPA of 2.75
3. Completed application (Apply online at graduateschool.uncc.edu.)

**NOTE: All courses in PHASE I (Graduate Certificate) must be completed before beginning PHASE 2 (MAT).
Students must apply and be accepted to PHASE 2.**

PHASE I. Graduate Certificate – Special Education (K-12)

Requirements (21 semester hours)

	Semester	Grade
Required for All Students (Adapted Curriculum and General Curriculum Tracks)		
SPED 5300 Lifespan Development for Exceptional Individuals (3)	—	—
SPED 5173 Diagnostic Assessment (3)	—	—
SPED 5370 Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Support (3)	—	—
SPED 5400 Practicum: Integrated Instructional Applications in Special Education (3)	—	—
Required for Adapted Curriculum Students Only		
SPED 5380 Multiple Disabilities and Systematic Instruction (3)	—	—
SPED 5274 General Curriculum Access (3)	—	—
SPED 6476 Internship/Seminar: Special Education K-12 Adapted Curriculum (3)*	—	—
Required for General Curriculum Students Only		
SPED 5375 Foundations of Literacy for Students with Diverse Learning Needs (3)	—	—
SPED 5372 Planning Mathematics Instruction for Students with Exceptional Needs (3)	—	—
SPED 6475 Internship/Seminar: Special Education K-12 General Curriculum (3)*	—	—
*This final course is a full-time internship requiring employment as a special education teacher in an approved K-12 school or a non-paid placement with a licensed teacher in a public K-12 school.		

Note: Recommendation for a NC Initial Professional Educator's license requires satisfactory completion of all coursework and passing scores on State Board of Education approved licensure assessments (including edTPA). Additional information regarding licensure is available at <https://teal.uncc.edu/>.

Please see page 2 for course sequencing.

Course sequencing varies by start term and pace. Graduate enrollment is considered full-time at 9 credit hours per term and half-time at 4.5 credit hours per term. Half-time enrollment is the minimum requirement to be eligible for federal financial aid.

Students are encouraged to select a traditional program (4 or more terms) or a one-year accelerated program (3-4 terms) in consultation with their advisor and should expect to follow the sequences below:

Traditional Program					
Start Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5
Fall	SPED 5370 (3) SPED 5300 (3)	SPED 5274 (3) – AC Only SPED 5372 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5173 (3)	SPED 5400 (3) SPED 5380 (3) – AC Only SPED 5375 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5476 (3) – AC Only SPED 6475 (3) – GC Only
Spring	SPED 5300 (3) SPED 5274 (3) – AC Only SPED 5372 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5173 (3) SPED 5370 (3)	SPED 5400 (3) SPED 5380 (3) – AC Only SPED 5375 (3) – GC Only	SPED 6476 (3) – AC Only SPED 6475 (3) – GC Only	
Summer	SPED 5370 (3) SPED 5173 (3)	SPED 5400 (3) SPED 5380 (3) – AC Only SPED 5375 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5300 (3) SPED 5274 (3) – AC Only SPED 5372 (3) – GC Only		SPED 6476 (3) – AC Only SPED 6475 (3) – GC Only

One-Year Accelerated Program				
Start Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Fall	SPED 5370 (3) SPED 5400 (3) SPED 5380 (3) – AC Only SPED 5375 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5274 (3) – AC Only SPED 6476 (3) – AC Only SPED 5372 (3) – GC Only SPED 6475 (3) – GC Only	SPED 5300 (3) SPED 5173 (3)	
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