

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Special Education emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in the areas of Special Education Teacher for preschool, elementary, middle, and high school, as well as vocational and adult education facilities.

How is the Job Market?

Check out www.jobs4tn.gov website for information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor website at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Transfer agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/transfer-information.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

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Student ID: _____
 Student Name: _____
 Adviser Name: _____

Catalog: 2020-2021 Catalog and Student Handbook
 Program: Special Education, A.S.
 Minimum Credits Required: _____

Special Education, A.S.

Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Special Education (A.S.)

Sample Academic Plan - Total Credit Hours: 61

Program Requirements - Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses. Courses cannot be used more than once to satisfy program requirements.

First Year - Fall Semester - Credit Hours: 17

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ENGL 1010 - English Composition I	Credits: 3			
EDU 201 - Introduction to Education	Credits: 3			
MATH 1530 - Introductory Statistics	Credits: 3			
HIST 2010 - Early United States History *	Credits: 3			
BIOL 1110 - General Biology I	Credits: 4			
COLS 101 - Columbia State College Success	Credits: 1			

First Year - Spring Semester - Credit Hours: 15

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ENGL 1020 - English Composition II	Credits: 3			
HIST 2020 - Modern United States History *	Credits: 3			
MATH 1410 - Number Concepts for Teachers **	Credits: 3			
POLS 1030 - American Government	Credits: 3			
COMM 2025 - Fundamentals of Communication OR COMM 2055 Argumentation and Debate	Credits: 3			

Second Year - Fall Semester - Credit Hours: 16

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
EDU 222 - Education of Exceptional Learners	Credits: 3			
MATH 1420 - Geometry Concepts for Teachers **	Credits: 3			
GEOG 2010 - World Regional Geography	Credits: 3			
PSCI 1030 - Survey of Physical Science	Credits: 4			
ENGL 2130 - Topics in American Literature OR ENGL 2235 Topics in British Literature OR ENGL 2310 Early World Literature OR ENGL 2320 Modern World Literature	Credits: 3			

Second Year - Spring Semester - Credit Hours: 13

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 1035 - Introduction to Art OR MUS 1030 Introduction to Music	Credits: 3			
EDUC 2210 - Educational Psychology ***** OR PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development Psychology *****	Credits: 3			
BIOL 1120 - General Biology II **** OR BIOL 1020*** OR CHEM 1010*** OR GEOL 1040***	Credits: 4			
² General Education - Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement	Credits: 3			

Note(s):

²General Education - Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement - Select from: ART 1035, ART 2000, ART 2020, ENGL 2160, ENGL 2860, HUM 1010, HUM 1020, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200, THEA 1030. **Literature Options:** ENGL 2055, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2235, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320.

*Replace with non-US history sequence if intending to transfer to UT Knoxville or UT Chattanooga.

**Replace MATH 1410 with Intermediate Language course if intending to transfer to UT Knoxville.

***Replace the additional lab science course with Intermediate Foreign Language course if intending to transfer to UT Knoxville.

****Replace with EDUC 2210 Educational Psychology to transfer to ETSU.

*****Both EDUC 2210 Educational Psychology and PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development Psychology needed to transfer to ETSU.

These courses are to prepare candidates for SE Interventionist K-8 and SPED Comprehensive K-12 licensure programs. Students transferring to a UT or TBR university may need to meet additional requirements to gain admittance to that university's Special Education program. Check with university for specific program requirements. Students transferring to UT Knoxville need to be formally admitted to the program during Semester 4.

Check www.tntransferpathway.org to see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major. Students should meet with their assigned advisor to determine courses required for the university chosen.

Students and advisors should run a degree audit from myChargerNet each semester to confirm classes are applicable to the program of study.

Additional Degree Requirements

- Students earning a degree must meet the following:
 - Attainment of a 2.75 cumulative grade point average
 - ACT cumulative score of 21 (SAT 1020) or successful completion of approved standardized examination (Praxis Core) for admission to university College of Education. Note: MTSU requires a 22 ACT score.
 - Satisfactory ratings on an index of suitability for the teaching profession
- Students transferring to a public university in Tennessee may need to meet additional requirements to gain admittance to the university.

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