

# SPECIAL EDUCATION, MASTER OF EDUCATION (MED) - CONCENTRATION IN BIRTH-GRADE 8

This program will be a 36 credit M.Ed. On-line Program that emphasizes teaching children with disabilities age birth to grade 8 in school environments. The program will be offered to students that already have an Instructional I or II Certification in Special Education, Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education from Pennsylvania or other states. The program has been developed to specifically meet the PDE teacher competencies found within the Chapter 49 guidelines. This M.Ed. Program is a specialized degree that will allow professionals to obtain dual certification in special education and one of the other areas mentioned above. Students will be required to identify a certified Special Education Teacher to act as their mentor throughout the program. The program mentor will help to supervise and facilitate the various field experiences (20 hours) required in each of the courses in the program. All courses in the program meet or exceed standards and competencies established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for special education certification.

## Related Links

Special Education - Birth to Grade 8, MEd Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/special-education-birth-to-grade-8-master-of-education/>)

Special Education Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/coe/departments/special-education/>)

Special Education - Birth to Grade 8 Fact Sheet (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/graduate/FS-SPED-B8712.pdf>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

## Curriculum Guide

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Area I - Core Courses In Special Education</b>		
SPED 611	Special Education Law	3
SPED 617	Current Research in Special Education	3
SPED 625	Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems	3
Subtotal		9
<b>Area II - Concentration/Additional Classes</b>		
SPED 601	Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities	3
SPED 607	Positive Classroom Interventions	3
SPED 618	Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Programs for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 628	Developmental Disabilities	3
SPED 640	Advanced Study of Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPED 644	Advanced Study of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders	3

SPED 645	Early Intervention for Young Learners with Special Needs	3
SPED 646	Assessment and Evaluation	3
Subtotal		24
<b>Area III - Practicum</b>		
SPED 648	Clinical Practicum in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	3
Subtotal		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students may choose to complete a thesis option (SPED 800) in place of Practicum SPED 648. Only if they have an existing certification in SPED.

## Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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