

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PK-4)/SPECIAL EDUCATION (PK-12), BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (BSED)

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Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

GPA must be 3.0 or higher for Teacher Candidacy.

A 3.0 GPA and passing subject area assessment (PECT) or a 2.8 GPA and a *qualifying* passing subject area assessment (PECT) score (as determined by PDE) is required for certification.

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	42
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Major Requirements	98

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits.

Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
Select one of the following:		
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	3
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	3
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	3
Subtotal		15

Integrated Inquiry

<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		

Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Additional Rock Studies 2 Requirements (12 credits)		
SOWK 105	Human Diversity	3
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education ²	3
PE 243	Educational Movement in Health & Wellness ²	3
or DANC 223	Creative Dance for Children	
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II ²	3
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² Indicates coursework required for the ELEC Major as per PA Dept. of Education Certification Policy.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	0-3
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 49 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 49 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
ELEC 100	Early Childhood Education Theory & Practice ¹	3
ELEC 200	Child Development Typical ¹	3
ELEC 348	Leadership, Advocacy & Program Development ¹	3
PE 243	Educational Movement in Health & Wellness ¹	3
or DANC 223	Creative Dance for Children	
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education ¹	3
SPED 222	Introduction to Special Education Law	3
SPED 230	Early Intervention Practices for Students with Disabilities ¹	3

SPED 245	Technology in Special Education	3
Subtotal		24
Diversity Block ²		
ELEC 230	Field-Based Child Development Typical ¹	3
ELEC 237	ELL Strategies and Practice for Early Childhood Education ¹	3
ELEC 281	Family and Community Diversity and Partnerships ¹	3
Subtotal		9
Early Literacy Block ²		
ELEC 238	Literacy Practices for the Emergent Learner, PK-1 ¹	3
ELEC 285	Integrating Creative Expression through the Arts ¹	3
Subtotal		6
Block 1 ³		
ELEC 311	Mathematics & Literacy Teaching Lab Pre K - 4 ¹	1
ELEC 316	Developmental Formal and Informal Assessments ¹	3
ELEC 330	Literacy Practices for the Developing Learner, Grades 2 - 4 ¹	3
ELEC 340	Mathematics Methods and Strategies for PRE K - 4 Teachers ¹	3
SPED 350	Universal Intervention	3
Subtotal		13
Block 2 ³		
Must complete Block 1 first		
ELEC 420	Early Childhood Field Experience ¹	3
ELEC 460	Instructional Strategies for Science and Technology ¹	3
ELEC 470	Social Studies & Citizenship ¹	3
ELEC 480	Assessment for Differentiation of Literacy Instruction ¹	3
SPED 360	Targeted Instructional and Behavioral Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
Subtotal		15
Block 3		
Must complete blocks 1 and 2 first		
SPED 431	Intense Behavioral and Emotional Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners ¹	3
SPED 432	Intensive ELA Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners ¹	3
SPED 433	Assessment Strategies in Special Education ¹	3
SPED 434	Professional Collaboration and Ethical Practices ¹	3
SPED 435	Processes and Procedures in Special Education	3
SPED 436	Intensive Mathematics Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
Subtotal		18
Student Teaching		

All previously listed coursework must be completed prior to Student Teaching

ELEC 455	Student Teaching: Early Childhood ¹	6
SPED 440	Seminar in Special Education	1
SPED 455	Student Teaching - Special Education ¹	6
or ELEC 475	International Student Teaching: Early Childhood	
Subtotal		13
Total Hours		98

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements but not for Major GPA

² Diversity and Early Literacy blocks can be taken in any order, but not at the same time. You must enroll in all courses within the block.

³ Blocks 1, 2, and 3 must be taken in sequence and completed prior to Student Teaching. No two blocks below can be taken together. You must enroll in all courses within the block.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. International study programs
2. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
3. Student-Faculty research and Student Leadership development
4. Career Education and Development
5. Internships/Field Experiences
6. Student teaching (required)

Important Information

Prerequisites for Admission to Teacher Candidacy

- Grades below a "C" are not admissible.

Code	Title	Hours
Basic Courses		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Select one of the following:		
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
ELEC 100	Early Childhood Education Theory & Practice	3
ELEC 200	Child Development Typical	3
ELEC 230	Field-Based Child Development Typical	3
Math Requirement for BS in Education		
Prior to Admission to Teacher Candidacy. Minimum grade of "D" required.		
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
Total Hours		24

BSED Early Childhood (PK-4)/Special Education (PK-12) Grade Requirements

- Grades in each of the following courses must be "C" or better to qualify for Student Teaching and/or Graduation

Code	Title	Hours
ELEC 100	Early Childhood Education Theory & Practice	3
ELEC 200	Child Development Typical	3
ELEC 230	Field-Based Child Development Typical	3
ELEC 237	ELL Strategies and Practice for Early Childhood Education	3
ELEC 238	Literacy Practices for the Emergent Learner, PK-1	3
ELEC 281	Family and Community Diversity and Partnerships	3
ELEC 285	Integrating Creative Expression through the Arts	3
ELEC 311	Mathematics & Literacy Teaching Lab Pre K - 4	1
ELEC 316	Developmental Formal and Informal Assessments	3
ELEC 330	Literacy Practices for the Developing Learner, Grades 2 - 4	3
ELEC 340	Mathematics Methods and Strategies for PRE K - 4 Teachers	3
ELEC 348	Leadership, Advocacy & Program Development	3
ELEC 420	Early Childhood Field Experience	3
ELEC 455 or ELEC 475	Student Teaching: Early Childhood International Student Teaching: Early Childhood	12
ELEC 460	Instructional Strategies for Science and Technology	3
ELEC 470	Social Studies & Citizenship	3
ELEC 480	Assessment for Differentiation of Literacy Instruction	3
PE 243 or DANC 223	Educational Movement in Health & Wellness Creative Dance for Children	3
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	3
SPED 222	Introduction to Special Education Law	3
SPED 230	Early Intervention Practices for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 245	Technology in Special Education	3
SPED 350	Universal Intervention	3
SPED 360	Targeted Instructional and Behavioral Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
SPED 431	Intense Behavioral and Emotional Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
SPED 432	Intensive ELA Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
SPED 433	Assessment Strategies in Special Education	3
SPED 434	Professional Collaboration and Ethical Practices	3
SPED 435	Processes and Procedures in Special Education	3
SPED 436	Intensive Mathematics Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3

SPED 440	Seminar in Special Education	1
SPED 455	Student Teaching - Special Education	3-12

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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Early Childhood (PK-4)/Special Education (K-8) BSED - (1192)

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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
SPED 121	Overview of Special Education	3
ELEC 100	Early Childhood Education Theory & Practice	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		16
Spring		
SPED 222	Introduction to Special Education Law	3
ELEC 200	Child Development Typical	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		18
Second Year		
Fall		
SPED 230	Early Intervention Practices for Students with Disabilities	3
ELEC 230	Field-Based Child Development Typical	3
ELEC 237	ELL Strategies and Practice for Early Childhood Education	3
ELEC 281	Family and Community Diversity and Partnerships	3
MATH 310	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Hours		18

Spring		
ELEC 238	Literacy Practices for the Emergent Learner, PK-1	3
ELEC 285	Integrating Creative Expression through the Arts	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
SOWK 105	Human Diversity	3
SPED 245	Technology in Special Education	3
Hours		18

Third Year

Fall		
SPED 350	Universal Intervention	3
ELEC 311	Mathematics & Literacy Teaching Lab Pre K - 4	1
ELEC 316	Developmental Formal and Informal Assessments	3
ELEC 330	Literacy Practices for the Developing Learner, Grades 2 - 4	3
ELEC 340	Mathematics Methods and Strategies for PRE K - 4 Teachers	3
PE 243	Educational Movement in Health & Wellness	3
Hours		16

Spring		
SPED 360	Targeted Instructional and Behavioral Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
ELEC 348	Leadership, Advocacy & Program Development	3
ELEC 420	Early Childhood Field Experience	3
ELEC 460	Instructional Strategies for Science and Technology	3
ELEC 470	Social Studies & Citizenship	3
ELEC 480	Assessment for Differentiation of Literacy Instruction	3
Hours		18

Fourth Year

Fall		
SPED 431	Intense Behavioral and Emotional Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
SPED 432	Intensive ELA Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
SPED 433	Assessment Strategies in Special Education	3
SPED 434	Professional Collaboration and Ethical Practices	3
SPED 435	Processes and Procedures in Special Education	3
SPED 436	Intensive Mathematics Interventions for Neuro-Diverse Learners	3
Hours		18

Spring		
SPED 440	Seminar in Special Education	1
SPED 455 or ELEC 475	Student Teaching - Special Education or International Student Teaching: Early Childhood	6
ELEC 455	Student Teaching: Early Childhood	6
Hours		13
Total Hours**		135

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

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