

**CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**College of Arts, Education, and Sciences**

**Master of Education**

**Special Education Concentration**

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| <b>A. Core Competencies</b>   |   | <b>6 Credits</b>       |
|   | ED 520 Introduction to Research (3)   |                        |
|   | ED 578 Professional Seminar (3)   |                        |
| <br><b>B. Specialization Courses</b>  |   | <br><b>21 Credits</b>  |
|   | SPED 462 Educational Assessment*  |                        |
|   | SPED 482 Special Mathematics Instruction*   |                        |
|   | SPED 500 Contemporary Issues in Special Education (3)   |                        |
|   | SPED 522 Special Education Classroom Administration (3)   |                        |
|   | SPED 526 Clinical Practicum for High Incidence Disabilities (1)   |                        |
|   | SPED 527 Clinical Practicum for Low Incidence Disabilities (1)  |                        |
|   | SPED 528 Assistive Technology (1)   |                        |
|   | SPED 544 Methods and Practicum High Incidence (3)   |                        |
|   | SPED 554 Graduate Student Teaching in Special Education (6)   |                        |
|   | SPED 546 Methods and Practicum Low Incidence (3)  |                        |
|   | SPED 567 Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis* (3)  |                        |
|   | SPED 580 Special Reading Instruction* (3)   |                        |
| <br><b>C. Electives</b>   |   | <br><b>3-9 Credits</b> |
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| <b>D. Successful Completion of:</b>   |   |                        |
|   | Coursework reflecting knowledge of exceptional persons (within last two years) or SPED 418 or SPED 531 as an elective (3 Credits) |                        |
| <b>E. Certification candidates are required to complete clinical experience in Special Education (SPED 554- 6 credits- new course proposal)</b> |   |                        |

## University Policies Relating to Academic Requirements

- A student is obligated by those requirements which are in effect at the time of his/her matriculation, but if he/she changes majors he/she is obligated by the requirements in effect at the time of the change. If a student has been out of school for more than two years and is readmitted, he/she is treated as a new student for requirement purposes.
- A minimum of 120 credits must be presented for graduation, of which at least 30 of the last 60 credits must have been earned in residence.
- No more than 2 credits of Personal Performance (III.B) may be counted for graduation.
- Upon presentation of DD 214, the university grants a maximum of 4 credits in Health and Physical Education for active military service of 6 months or more. Credit is normally given for NFSS 111 (2 credits) and 2 activity hours of 1 credit each.
- Maximum loads: Students with a GPA of 3.0, 21 hours; students in good standing\*, 18 hours; students on probation, 15 hours.
  - \* To be in good standing, undergraduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- After a student has earned a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit and if he/she is in good academic standing, he/she may schedule a maximum of six courses of 18 credit hours for Credit-No Record. One such course may be taken each semester. Courses in the student's major may not be taken on a Credit/No Record basis.
- Course credits not to exceed 18 semester hours may be earned by departmental examination at Clarion.
- All candidates for an undergraduate degree must be in good academic standing (i.e., have a cumulative GPA of 2.0).
- Students may earn two degrees (B.A., B.S., BSED, BSBA), simultaneously or in sequence, by completion of 30 approved credits hours beyond those taken for one degree.
- Students may take a double major by satisfying the major requirements of two programs within a single degree. Ordinarily a double major (two majors within one degree) can be effected in 120 hours, but it is not possible to take two majors in different degree programs (e.g., B.S. in Biology and BSED in Biology) unless the 30 hour requirement for a second degree, referred to in the preceding statement, is satisfied.
- Students may obtain teacher certification in conjunction with many degrees by completing the required course work in professional education. For more information, contact the Dean of the College of Arts, Education and Sciences, or the Director of Education. With careful course selection, ordinarily no more than 120 credits will be required.

Academic Policy information can be found on the Registrar's web page at the following link:  
<http://www.clarion.edu/academics/registrars-office/academic-policies/index.html>