

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, ADVANCED CERTIFICATION

Note: This program is for those already possessing a master's degree.

Program Description

The Post Master's Certification in Students with Disabilities will consistently emphasize theory to practice. Students will understand and be prepared to focus on the unique academic, cognitive, social, and emotional needs of students receiving special education services. Additionally, students will assist diverse learners in succeeding in general education settings. Collaboration with colleagues and families will be emphasized and combined with enhancing the overall knowledge and individual skills of the Students with Disabilities Educator.

Program Objective

The goal of this Advanced Certification is to produce teachers prepared to focus on the unique academic, cognitive, social, and emotional needs of students receiving special education services.

Clinical Experiences

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of clinical experience. These foundational and intermediate clinical experiences will include meaningful engagement with students with disabilities to allow candidates to demonstrate the practices that support student learning and development in the field of education. Hours must be satisfactorily completed by the end of the semester of the corresponding course.

Practicum Courses

All students in Advanced Certification 1-6 are required to complete two practica: ESP 688-P Integrative Practicum I: 1-3 and ESP 688-J Integrative Practicum I: 4-6.

All students in Advanced Certification 7-12 Generalist are required to complete two practica: ESP 689-A Integrative Practicum II:7-9 and ESP 688S .

Students who receive a grade of C+ or below for one practicum must enroll and satisfactorily complete the one-credit course EDU 582 Refocus for Success and repeat the practicum and earn a grade of B- or better. Students who receive a second C+ or below in a subsequent practicum are automatically dismissed from the Advanced Certification program without the possibility of re-admittance.

Note: All education teacher candidates must be able to, with or without accommodation, complete all New York State mandated course, field experience, and practicum requirements.

Degree earned: none

Total number of credits: SWD Gr. 1-6

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Certification: 18

Degree earned: none

Total number of credits: SWD Gr. 7-12 Generalist

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Required Courses

Students must perform to an acceptable standard in all courses. Failure to do so will result in the student taking and/or retaking the course(s) designated to improve weak areas. Furthermore, New York State Department of Education (NYSED) outlines that students must receive a grade of B- or above for all courses indicated below as meeting content core or pedagogical core requirements, otherwise, the course must be repeated.

As a requirement for graduation, all students in the Advanced Certificate program must attain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Advanced Certificate: Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 635	(Field Experience)	0
EDU 636	(Field Experience)	0
ESP 602	Strategies for Working With St (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 612	Ed. St. w Mild-Mod/Sev. Disab. (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 613	Ed Stu w Sev/Mult Disabilities (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 618	Assessing Child 1-6 w/ Except. (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 688-P	Integrative Practicum I: 1-3 (Field Experience)	3
ESP 688-J	Integrative Practicum I: 4-6 (Field Experience)	3
Total Hours		18

Advanced Certificate: Students with Disabilities Gr. 7-12 Generalist

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 637	(Field Experience)	0
EDU 638	(Field Experience)	0
ESP 602	Strategies for Working With St (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 612	Ed. St. w Mild-Mod/Sev. Disab. (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 613	Ed Stu w Sev/Mult Disabilities (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 619	Assessing Adol. 7-12 w Except. (Pedagogical Core)	3
ESP 689-A	Integrative Practicum II:7-9 (Field Experience)	3
ESP 689-S	Integrative Practicum II:10-12 (Field Experience)	3
Total Hours		18