

EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION: PATHWAY FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS TRACK

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Exceptional Child Education students following this track must have an Associates of Arts degree and must be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program prior to enrolling in these education courses.

Required Courses:

- ___ CF233 Creative Thoughts & Expression in Children (3)
- ___ ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)
- ___ ED506 Education Law and Society (3)
- ___ EF400 Student Teaching Seminar (3)
- ___ EL274 Diversity in American Schools (3)
- ___ EL300 Instructional & Assistive Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- ___ EL316 Emergent & Early Literacy (3)
- ___ EL354 Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers (3)
- ___ EL355 Content & Disciplinary Literacy (3)
- ___ EL420 Assessment and Data Analysis (3)
- ___ EX302 Language Acquisition of the Exception Child (3)
- ___ EX304 Classroom and Behavior Management (3)
- ___ EX305 Content Area Teaching: Learning and Transitioning for Secondary Students with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ EX312 Diagnosis and Remediation of Math Difficulties (3)
- ___ EX317 Assessment and Techniques of Teaching Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ EX373 Strategies and Techniques with a Learning Theory Base for Teaching Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical (3)
- ___ EX480 Exceptional Child Education Student Teaching (12)
- ___ EX490 Certification Exam Seminar (1)
- ___ EX507 Families and the Child with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ LI243 Children's Literature (3)
- ___ MA128 Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)

Choose one course:

- ___ EX309 Field Experience in the Education of Students with Exceptionalities in Middle/Secondary Setting
- ___ EX409 Advance Field Experience in the Education of Student with Exceptionalities in Elementary Setting (3)

Choose one course:

- ___ EX311 Introduction to Children with Exceptionalities
- ___ EX390 Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child (3)

Notes:

- All pre-education courses are prerequisite to all Education courses.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program.

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE CURRICULAR PLAN

NOTE: Because the courses accepted from the transfer AAS degree can vary greatly, the courses required to take at Southeast to complete this program can also vary and cause deviation from the plan below.

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester		
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs	
FIRST YEAR	EL300	3	EL316	3	
	EX302	3	EX312	3	
	EX304	3	LI243	3	
	EX311 or EX390	3	MA128	4	
	Total	12	Total	13	
	Summer Semester				
	CF233	3			
	ED280	3			
	EL274	3			
	Total	9			
Milestone: Maintain 3.0 GPA in content courses and 3.0 GPA in professional education courses					
SECOND YEAR	EL354	3	ED506	3	
	EL420	3	EF400	1	
	EX305	3	EX480	12	
	EX309 or EX409	3			
	EX373	3			
	EX490	1			
	Total	16	Total	16	
	Summer Semester				
	EL355	3			
	EX317	3			
EX507	3				
Total	9				
Milestone: Passing score Mo content exams, passing score on MEES, 3.0 GPA in Education and content courses.					

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Many major courses are on a set rotation and dependent on when prerequisites are completed. The actual semester a course is taken may vary based on the rotation.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:

<https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DisLearnComp.aspx>.



DEGREE MAP 2026-2027



Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)**ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM**

To be eligible for enrollment in the majority of courses offered by the Teacher Preparation Program and required for a teaching degree (BSE, BSFCSE, BME), students must be admitted to the Teacher Preparation Program (TPP). Applications can be found at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>. Students should apply for admission to the TPP upon having met the following entrance criteria:

1. 42 hours of coursework completed.
2. Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. The following course requirements met:
 - a. A minimum grade of 'C' in CF/PY120 The Child (Elementary, Early, and Exceptional) or PY222 Development of the Adolescent (Middle and Secondary)
 - b. A minimum grade of 'B' in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession or ME222 Principles of Teaching Music.
4. International students must also have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0, TOEFL score of 95, PTE score of 64, or Duolingo score of 125. This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification.

RETENTION IN THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

After admission, students must continue to meet the following requirements for retention in the TPP:

1. Demonstrate continued eligibility for interaction with schoolchildren by completing an MSHP/FBI background check through the use of the MSHP/FBI background check system. (A current background check is required for participation in all field and clinical experiences.);
2. Pass all professional education courses with a minimum grade of 'C.' A minimum grade of 'C' must be obtained in all prerequisite courses before a student can be enrolled in subsequent coursework.
3. Demonstrate behavior appropriate for teaching professionals. Appeals related to removal from the TPP can be found at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

1. A 3.0 GPA in pedagogy coursework is required for all Education majors.
2. A 2.5 GPA in content coursework is required for all middle school, secondary, and K-12 programs except Exceptional Child K-12, Music K-12 and Social Studies 9-12, which require a 3.0 GPA in content coursework.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of Southeast's Teacher Preparation Program an individual is eligible to be recommended for a Missouri Teaching Certificate if the student has the following:

1. A final 3.0 GPA in pedagogy coursework is required for all Education majors. A final 2.5 GPA in content coursework is required for all middle school, secondary, and K-12 programs (excluding Exceptional Child K-12).
2. A passing score on the appropriate licensure exam(s) as required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
3. A passing score on the Teacher Candidate Instrument of the Missouri Educator Evaluation System;
4. MSHP/FBI background clearance from no earlier than one year prior to the date of the application for certification.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Regardless of printed program requirements, any changes or additions mandated by the State of Missouri will become effective on the date cited by the regulations. Students transferring into education programs should be aware of the need to be eligible for admission to the teacher preparation program immediately upon transfer. They should contact the Candidate Status and Certification Officer well in advance of the time of transfer.

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