

**MEd in Special Education Early Childhood Unified – updated 8/19/21**

| <b>Required Core Courses: 24 Credits</b> |  |                     |                |  |   |
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| <b>Course Number</b>                     | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Offered</b> | <b>Requirements</b>  |   |
| SPED 603                                 | Foundations of ECU   | 2                   | Fall           |  | Fall Semester 1   |
| SPED 617                                 | ECU: Assessment and Methods- Preschool                             | 3                   | Spring         | B- or better   | Sp Semester 2   |
| SPED 703                                 | ECU: Assessment and Methods: K-3                                   | 3                   | Spring         | You may sub a methods course from one of the other sped programs for this requirement if there aren't enough students to make this course, there usually aren't.<br><b>SPED 818, SPED 820 SPED 815 (they will need coreq overrides for any of these)</b>                                       | Sp Semester 2   |
| SPED 847IT                               | ECU: Practicum and Field Experience, Infants Toddlers and Families | 3-4                 | All            | Must be taken with or after SPED 614<br><br>Usually during the first summer, students must find their own placements and they must be approved.  | Su semester 3 (or sp semester 2)  |
| SPED 796                                 | Families and Professional Collaboration                            | 2                   | All            | It was 3, so some POS might be 31 hours during the interim change  | Fl semester 4   |
| SPED 614                                 | ECU: Assessments and methods: Infants, Toddlers and Families       | 3                   | fall           | B- or better   | Fl semester 4   |
| SPED 847P                                | ECU: Practicum and Field Experience, Preschool                     | 3-4                 | All            | Must be taken with or after SPED 617<br>Students teaching in this grade level can use their teaching position as their placement. When the teaching position is used, it should be the 4 hour option.  | Fl semester 4 (or sum semester 6)   |
| SPED 847KG                               | ECU Practicum and Field experience: K-3                            | 3-4                 | All            | Must be taken with or after SPED 703 or whatever is subbed for that course.<br>If the teaching position is a K-3 or sped only position, they can use it as their practicum placement. Otherwise I often suggest they begin looking for a summer ESY placement with their district in December. | (sp 2 if in a K-3 placement)<br>(sum 3 if used the IT placement in spring 2)<br>(sum 6 otherwise) |

**Note: Students are eligible to take Praxis exams for teacher licensure after completion of all of the above preparatory and required core courses and approval from faculty advisor.**

**Note on Practicum hours: Total hours must equal 10. It is recommended that you take your 4 hour practicum in the age-level with whom you work in your day-to-day position.**

| <b>Research component: 7 credits</b> |  |                     |                                    |  |
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| CLES 801<br>OR<br>CLES 721           | Intro. To Educational Research<br>OR<br>Single Subject Design* | 3                   | CLES 801:All<br><br>CLES 721: Fall | Take with CI 603 during first semester if pursuing the degree option                             |
| SPED 862                             | Capstone Research Project: Project Development                 | 2                   | Fall or Spring                     | Requires completion of all preparatory and required core courses, as well as CLES 801or CLES 721 |
| SPED 863                             | Capstone Research Project: Project Completion                  | 2                   | Fall or Spring                     | Requires completion SPED 862   |