

Teacher Education Course Descriptions

(Course numbers listed in parentheses after McPherson College numbers are KICA course numbers.)

CI 101 (SPED 320) Beginning American Sign Language

2 hours

The purpose of this course is to learn the basics of sign language. It will provide the student with an opportunity to express and receive signed communication. (Fall and Spring)

G-CI 150 Introduction to Education

3 hours

This course provides an overview of the historical role of schools in our society, the current governance and finance structures, and the challenges schools face in this new century. It also addresses planning for a career in professional education, and becoming a successful teacher.(Fall and Spring)

CI 202 (SPED 322) Intermediate American Sign Language

2 hours

The purpose of this course is to increase conversational sign language and to introduce interpreting skills. It will provide the student with an opportunity to increase his/her ability to express and receive signed communication, expand his/ her vocabulary, and improve his/her fluency in signing.(Spring)

CI 220 Principles and Strategies of Teaching

3 hours

A general methods class required of all education students. This course must be taken before or concurrent with other EE or CI courses. If taking concurrent, must have permission from the instructor. The class provides an introduction to teaching, including defining the teaching act, developing classroom communities, classroom management, assessment and evaluation, models of teaching, integration of technology, and professional responsibilities. Pre-requisite/co-requisite: G-CI 150 with grade C or better. (Fall and Spring) A minimum grade of C in CI 220 is required as a prerequisite for ALL 300 & 400 level CI, EE or SE courses except G-CI 333.

CI 232 Educational Technology

2 hours

Educational Technology is designed to ensure that teacher education candidates understand the function of technology in schools and society, exhibit skills using instructional tools and technology to gather, analyze, and present information, improve instructional practices, facilitate professional productivity and communication, and help all students use instructional technology effectively. Pre-requisite/co-requisite: CI 220. (Fall and Spring)

G-CI 251 Introduction to Education Practicum

1 hour

This practicum is conducted in the Wichita Public Schools or another urban district. It must be completed before enrolling for EE375 or CI 351. Students are required to spend 30 contact hours in a classroom. This class is offered every semester; however, a block of time must be established to ensure a worthwhile and quality experience. Students will maintain a reflective journal with emphasis on recording observations of teaching and learning, management techniques, the diversity of the student population, and the use of technology. Prerequisite: G-CI 150 and consent of the Director of Field Experiences. To facilitate timely and efficient placements in area schools, the enrollment for this course will close on December 1. (Interterm; Fall or Spring by education department approval only) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense. Candidates are responsible for their own transportation.*

CI 310 Topics in Education

2 hours

This course explores one topic relevant to education. As a general rule, students get to more deeply engage in a particular teaching strategy. Possible topics include (but are not limited to) cooperative learning, quantum learning, brain-based education, project-based learning, classroom management, education in the news, and teachers as portrayed in popular media. Prerequisite: G-CI 150 Introduction to Education or instructor's consent. (Interterm)

CI 315 Reading in the Content Field

2 hours

This course provides students seeking licensure at the PK-12 and 6-12 level the strategies necessary for reading to learn. The strategies learned are appropriate for all content areas and all learners. Future educators will learn how to plan instruction based upon the knowledge of all students, community, subject matter, curriculum outcomes, and current methods of teaching reading. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Fall)

G-CI 333 Intercultural Education

2 hours

A study of our diverse society and how it pertains to education and the educational setting. Students electing to participate in the related field study that adequately depicts intercultural relations in an educational setting must also enroll in CI 495 Field Experience in Education. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Fall and Spring)

CI 351 Secondary Education Practicum & Seminar

1-2 hours

A field experience and seminar for those seeking licensure at the secondary or PK-12 level. This course is offered for variable hour credit depending on the student's past experience(s) and licensure area(s). Student should consult with her/his advisor and the chair of the Department of Curriculum & Instruction for appropriate registration. This practicum must occur between CI 251 and CI 475. It is recommended that students seeking license at the 6-12 level take this class in conjunction with the appropriate content methods class. Prerequisites: CI 220. Full acceptance to the Teacher Education Program required. If possible, concurrent with CI 455. Enrollment Deadlines-Fall: In order to facilitate efficient and timely placements at area schools, enrollment for this course will close May 1. Interterm: In order to facilitate efficient and timely placements at area schools, enrollment for this course will close December 1. Spring: In order to facilitate efficient and timely placements at area schools, enrollment for this course will close the first day of interterm. (Fall and Spring) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

CI 370/MU 370 Methods for Teaching Instrumental Music

3 hours, by consent of Instructor

This course provides an overview of and practical applications in the basic technical aspects of organizing, administering, teaching, and conducting instrumental ensembles at the public school level. This course is designed for music majors seeking music licensure. (Spring, even years)

CI 371/MU 371 Methods for Teaching Choral Music

3 hours, by consent of Instructor

Materials and procedures for teaching vocal music in grades 7-12. Emphasis is placed on voice production, choral literature and rehearsal, diction, and administration of the classroom. This course is designed for students seeking music licensure. (Spring, odd years)

CI 372/MU 372 Methods for Teaching General Music

3 hours, by consent of Instructor

Materials and procedures for teaching general music in grades PreK-6. Emphasis is placed on understanding the basic concepts of music as they relate to specific age levels, as well as studying the major approaches to music education. Proper vocal technique for young students and the teaching of music fundamentals is covered as well. This course is designed for music majors seeking music licensure. (Fall, odd years)

CI 401/AR 401 Methods for Teaching Art in the Secondary School

2 hours

This is a comprehensive study of secondary art curricula and instructional methods relevant to today's art educator in the public schools. Discussions will address a multitude of current trends, issues, and "hot" topics on the national scene, including the National Art Standards. Considerable time and effort will be spent on writing and developing art curricula around the four content areas of art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics. Preparing and delivering a micro-teaching experience at McPherson High School is also a component of this course. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring)

CI 404 Methods for Teaching Modern Language

3 hours

This course is designed to prepare the prospective second language teacher for successful teaching at the PK-12 level. It provides theories of second language acquisition and second language teaching methods. Includes planning strategies, measurement/evaluations, test item construction, effective discipline, inclusionary practices, and technology media. Students become familiar with professional organizations and their publication/resources. In microteaching, including group and self-evaluation, students demonstrate current second language methodology. Prerequisite: CI 220. (As needed)

CI 406 (ED 406) Methods for Teaching Natural Science in the Secondary School

3 hours

This course is designed to provide the prospective teacher with knowledge and skill for teaching the natural sciences at the secondary level (grades 6-12). Content includes curriculum selection and design, safe laboratory management and operation, integration of curriculum, inclusionary practices, methods and modalities of teaching, assessment, classroom application of various forms of technology, and professional organizations. Microteaching, classroom observation and group and self-evaluation are included. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring. Offered through KICA. Course meets in person.)

CI 407 (ED 467) Methods for Teaching Mathematics in the Secondary School

3 hours

This course is designed to provide the prospective secondary level (grades 6-12) mathematics teacher the methods of teaching contemporary mathematics content. Topics include methods of presentation, awareness of national mathematics organizations, the writing of unit/daily lesson plans, microteaching of a math lesson, selecting materials, techniques of assessment, inclusionary practices, classroom application of various forms of technology, and techniques of assessment. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring. Offered through KICA. Course meets in person.)

CI 408 (ED 440) Methods for Teaching Social and Behavioral Science in the Secondary School

3 hours

This course is designed to prepare students for successful teaching at the secondary level (grades 6-12) in both the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on different approaches and practices of instruction planning and classroom management, selection and classroom application of various forms of technology, evaluation and questioning techniques, state assessments, research methods, professional organizations and the inclusive classroom. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring. Offered through KICA. Course meets in person.)

CI 410/PE 410 Methods for Teaching Physical Education and Health in the Secondary Schools

4 hours

A study of various teaching techniques and analysis of fundamental skills of physical education activities in the secondary school setting. The course offers an opportunity to explore various teaching techniques in individual, dual, and team activities in the field of physical education and health for the secondary schools. Additionally, this course has been designed to integrate theory and conceptual learning with practical laboratory experiences. Creating an inclusive gym/classroom as well as adaptive PE are included. Prerequisites: PE 110, PE 160, PE 161, G-CI 150, G-CI 251, CI 220. (Interterm)

CI 416 (ED 416) Methods for Teaching Speech and Theatre in the Secondary School

3 hours

This course requires students to apply speech and drama content to the techniques needed for effective secondary level (grades 6-12) classroom teaching. Opportunities are provided for students to exercise their teaching skills in the areas of unit plans, daily lesson plans, teaching strategies, evaluation, assessment, classroom management, inclusion and different learning styles. Discussions of resource allocation, safety, classroom application of various forms of technology, and professional organizations are also included. Each student is encouraged to develop his/her personal philosophy of education and incorporate it in relation to integrity/ethics in the classroom and personal evaluation to maintain a sense of balance and growth. Prerequisite: CI 220. (As needed)

CI 417 (ED 415) Methods for Teaching English and Language Arts in the Secondary School

3 hours

This course is designed to assist student teachers in becoming confident, effective professional educators in secondary level English (grades 6-12). Students will become familiar with a variety of specific methods to use in teaching literature, composition, and language. Among topics to be considered will be current trends in English curriculum development, the six-trait writing process, inclusionary practices, classroom organization, assessment, classroom application of various forms of technology, and professional organizations. Each student will develop a unit of instruction suitable for a secondary level classroom. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring. Offered through KICA. Course meets in person.)

CI 428 Methods for Teaching English as a Second Language in the Elementary & Secondary School

3 hours

This course is designed to prepare students to teach English to non-native speakers at either the K-6 level or the 6-12 level. Students will be exposed to teaching techniques, lesson and unit planning, and language assessment. Cultural issues will also be explored. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Fall. Offered concurrently with CI628 ESOL Methods.)

CI 455 The Teaching-Learning Process

3 hours (Language Intensive)

A comprehensive course that deals primarily with the learner, the learning process, and the learning situation. Examines the role of the teacher in relationship to each of these. This class should be taken the semester before student teaching. Prerequisite: CI 220. If possible, concurrent with junior practicum – EE 375 or CI 351. (Fall and Spring)

CI 475 Student Teaching in the Secondary School

6 or 12 hours

Student Teaching in the Secondary School at McPherson College is a capstone experience allowing students to practice the skills and talents necessary to become effective educators. McPherson College offers student teaching at the appropriate level for all licensure purposes. Student teaching occurs after students have fulfilled all the necessary requirements as outlined in the Advisor/Advisee Handbook. The student teaching experience is scheduled for a full semester, but a minimum of 14 consecutive weeks. Placement and hours may depend on the area(s) of licensure. Students enrolled in this course must have completed the student teaching application process and be concurrently enrolled in CI 476. (Fall and Spring) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check*

(depending on placement) at an added expense.

CI 476 Professional Seminar in Education

2 hours

This is a capstone seminar for teaching candidates allowing an interactive opportunity to reflect upon and share their insight, expertise, and commitment to professional education. Must be taken in conjunction with CI 475 and/or EE 465. (Fall and Spring)

CI 495/295 Field Experiences in Education

1-4 hours

An elective laboratory oriented field experience that the student elects to take, or is assigned to, in an educational setting that is designed to enrich their understanding of the profession of education. This experience may or may not be tied to requirements in another course within the department or college. Involvement may be in an educational related role or with an approved experience anywhere in the world. Arrangements must be made in advance. (Fall/Interterm/Spring. By Permission Only.) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

G-EE 210 Children's Literature

3 hours

In this course students use the language arts of reading, writing, listening, and speaking to explore the historical development of children's literature in English from its origins through the contemporary period, with an emphasis on contemporary works. While exploring how children's literature artfully structures people's experiences, values, and cultures, students will learn the elements of children's literature, different genres, and current issues pertaining to children's literature. For elementary education majors, the knowledge and appreciation of children's literature developed in the course will serve as foundational knowledge for the Reading/Language Arts methods courses. Prerequisite: Sophomore status or consent of instructor. (Spring)

EE 230 Methods for Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School I

3 hours

This course provides the knowledge base for future elementary teachers to know, understand, and use major concepts, procedures, and reasoning processes of mathematics that define numbers and operations, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability, and algebra so that all students understand relationships that can represent phenomena, solve problems, and manage data. This course focuses on assessment and evaluation and teaching strategies for grades K-2. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Fall)

EE 301/AR 358 Methods for Teaching Art in the Elementary School

1 or 4 hours (1 hour for ELED majors, 4 hours for Art majors)

This course is a comprehensive study of elementary art curricula and methods relevant to today's educator in the public schools. Topics to be covered include: current techniques and materials, issues in art, basic design concepts, the developmental states of children in an art program, and curriculum implementation. (Fall)

EE 303 Reading and Language Arts I

4 hours

This course delivers the knowledge base for understanding and using concepts from emerging literacy, science of reading, language, and child development to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help all students successfully apply their developing literacy skills to many different situation, materials, and ideas. This course focuses on literacy assessment and evaluation and methods for teaching K-3 grade levels. (Fall) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 304 Methods for Teaching Music in the Elementary School

1 hour

This course is for elementary education majors. The emphasis is placed on methods for teaching elementary school children and the integration of music into the elementary school curriculum. Prerequisite: CI 220.(Fall)

EE 305/PE 409 Methods for Teaching Physical Education and Health in the Elementary School

2 hours (2 hours for ELED majors, 4 hours for PE majors)

This course is designed to introduce prospective elementary school health, physical education and classroom teachers to the fundamentals, principles, and practices of physical education at the elementary school level. Movement exploration and methods will be stressed in the variety of play activities introduced. Additionally, this course has been designed to integrate theory and concept learning with practical laboratory experiences. Prerequisites: CI 220. (Spring)

EE 306 Methods for Teaching Science in the Elementary School

3 hours

This course provides the knowledge base for future elementary teachers to understand and use fundamental concepts in science (including physical, life, and earth and space) as well as concepts in science and technology, science in personal social perspective, the history and nature of science, the unifying concepts of science, and the inquiry process scientists use in discovery of new knowledge to build a base for scientific and technological literacy for all students. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Fall) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 307 Methods for Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School II

3 hours

This course provides the knowledge base for future elementary teachers to know, understand, and use the major concepts, procedures, and reasoning processes of mathematics that define numbers and operations, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability, and algebra so that all students understand relationships that can represent phenomena, solve problems, and manage data. This course focuses on assessment and evaluation and teaching strategies for grades 3-6. Prerequisite: CI 220 and EE 230. (Spring) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 309 Methods for Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School

3 hours

A class designed for equipping elementary pre-service teachers with skills, strategies, and major concepts germane to the six social studies literacies: history, geography, socio-politics, citizenship, economics, and culture. This course includes a field experience. Prerequisite: CI 220. (Spring) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 375 Elementary Education Practicum & Seminar

1-2 hours

A field experience and seminar for those seeking licensure in elementary education at the K-6 level and those seeking licensure in art, physical education, and Spanish at the PK-12 level. This course is offered for variable hour credit depending on student's past experience(s) and licensure area(s). Student should consult with her/his advisor and the Chair of Teacher Education Program for appropriate registration. This practicum must occur between CI 251 and EE 465. Prerequisites: CI 220. Full acceptance to Teacher Education Program required. (Fall and Spring; Interterm by education department permission only) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 444 Reading/Language Arts II

3 hours (Language Intensive)

This course provides a structure for providing future elementary teachers an opportunity to use concepts from emerging literacy, science of reading, language, and child development to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help all students successfully apply their developing literacy skills to many different situation, materials, and ideas. This course focuses on assessment and evaluation and teaching strategies for grades 4-6. This course includes a field experience. Prerequisites: EE 303 and CI 220 (Spring) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

EE 465 Student Teaching in the Elementary School

6 or 12 hours

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SE 210 Introduction to Infants, Children, and Youth with Special Needs

3 hours

This class is a survey of federal and state mandates for special education, including an overview of categorical exceptionalities delineated in the laws; service delivery systems; advocacy groups; the concept of natural environments and least restrictive environments; and the purpose and function of the IFSP and IEP. The class, which is required for all students seeking licensure in education, is designed to introduce all pre-service teachers to mild and moderate disabilities. The course also serves as a foundation for additional special education coursework. This course is a prerequisite for other special education courses. (Fall and Spring)

SE 220 Field Experience in Services for Students with Special Needs

1 hour

An early field placement for directed observation of special education teachers working with elementary- or secondary-level students with

mild/moderate disabilities. (Fall, Interterm, Spring, and Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 310 Foundations for Special Education Services

4 hours

This course addresses historical perspectives and current practices (Module A), laws, regulations, and policies governing practice (Module B), and affects of individual differences, language, and culture on educational performance (Module C). The course includes a supervised field experience (Module D). Concurrent: Modules A-D. (Fall & Spring)

SE 315: General Methods for Special Education Services

4 hours

This course addresses assessments used for eligibility, placement and curricular decisions (Module A), the special education process from pre-identification through individual program implementation (Module B), and effective collaboration and communication skills with diverse learners, families, colleagues, and community stakeholders (Module C). The course includes a supervised field experience (Module D). Concurrent: Modules A-D Prerequisite: SPED 310 (Fall & Spring)

SE 321 Grades K-6 Methods for Special Needs and Field Experience

5 hours

This course addresses IEP implementation using evidence-based practices. Emphasis is on collaborative teaching models. Topics of study include lesson planning, basic skill and content area instruction, adapting methods and materials, positive behavior supports, and progress monitoring. SPED 331: Grades K-6 Field Experience must be taken concurrently. Prerequisites: SPED 310 & 315. (Fall & Spring)

SE 341 Grades PreK-3 Methods and Field Experience

5 hours

Grades PreK-3 Methods, addresses strategies to individual and group needs using evidence-based practices. Topics of study include learning plans, embedded instruction within a tiered framework, setting up the environment, adapting methods and materials, positive behavior supports, and progress monitoring. SPED 351, Grades PreK-3 Field Experience, must be taken concurrently. SPED 341 will involve 15 to 20 contact hours including 10 hours reading/pre-literacy and writing/pre-writing interventions with 1 child.

SE 345 Behavior Management

2 hours

This course addresses culturally sensitive methods for preventing and intervening with problem behavior. Topics include school-wide discipline systems, classroom management, social skills instruction, student support meetings (Module A) and functional analysis, non-aversive intervention, and behavior intervention plans (Module B). (Fall & Spring)

SE 361 Grades 6-12 Methods for Special Needs and Field Experience

5 hours

This course addresses IEP implementation, including transition components. Emphasis is on self-determination, self-advocacy, career awareness, and post- school options in specific outcome areas. Topics of study include curriculum standards, lesson planning, basic skills instruction, learning strategies, adapting methods, materials and assessments, positive behavior supports, and progress monitoring. SPED 371: Grades 6-12 Field Experience must be taken concurrently. Prerequisites: SPED 310 & 315. (Fall)

SE 381 Grades 4-12 Methods and Field Experience

5 hours

The SPED 381 course covers both general and specific methods used by special educators to teach students with disabilities. The course includes transition planning and IEP development, instructional planning, and selection of instructional methods to meet the needs of students with adaptive special education needs. Approaches for selecting methods and materials, for delivering instruction, and for evaluating instructional outcomes based on assessment information will also be demonstrated. (Spring)

SE 431 Grades K-6 Clinical Experience (Student Teaching)

6 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience with a special educator who provides services for elementary level students with adaptive learning needs. The preservice teacher will work collaboratively with the cooperating special educator, families, and school team members to apply research-based knowledge of assessment, instruction aligned to IEP goals, and positive behavioral supports. Emphasis is on reflective, culturally sensitive practice. Prerequisites: SPED 210, 310, 315, 345, and 321 or 331. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 433 Grades K-6 Internship

4-6 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience with an on-site mentor who provides or supervises services for elementary level students with adaptive learning needs. Emphasis is on application of research-based content knowledge and pedagogy and reflective, culturally sensitive practice. This internship is designed for practicing teachers adding grades K-6 adaptive licensure or for students who have completed a special education clinical experience. Prerequisites: SPED 210, 310, 315, 345, and 321 or 331. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 451 Grades PreK-12 Clinical Experience

5 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience with a special educator who provides services for any of the grades PreK-12 level students with adaptive learning needs. The pre-service teacher will work collaboratively with the cooperating special educator, families, and school team members to apply research-based knowledge of assessment, instruction aligned to IEP goals, and positive behavioral supports. Emphasis is on reflective, culturally sensitive practice. Prerequisites: SPED 310, 315, 345, 341, 351, 361, and 371. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 453 Grades PreK-12 Internship

5 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience working with an on-site mentor and/or evaluator. Emphasis is on application of research-based content knowledge and pedagogy and reflective, culturally sensitive practice. This internship is designed for the student hired on a waiver teaching in his/her own classroom. The intern will apply knowledge from all coursework and learning experiences to appropriately adapt and modify learning; manage students and classroom environment being culturally-sensitive to student and family differences; align and implement learning with IEP goals; assess learning; develop and implement academic and behavior intervention plans based on assessments and best practices; develop a case study/IEP, plan, implement, and evaluate lessons; plan and implement appropriate transitions, education and services for the specified grade level (PreK-12)/ages of students; and practice systematic self-evaluation. Prerequisites: SPED 310, 315, 345, 341, 351, 361, and 371. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 471 Grades 6-12 Clinical Experience (Student Teaching)

6 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience with a special educator who provides services for secondary level students with adaptive learning needs. The pre-service teacher will work collaboratively with the cooperating special educator, families, and school team members to apply research-based knowledge of assessment, instruction aligned to IEP goals, and positive behavioral supports. Emphasis is on reflective, culturally sensitive practice. Prerequisites: SPED 210, 310, 315, 345, and 361 or 371. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 473 Grades 6-12 Internship

4-6 hours

This course is a supervised teaching experience with an on-site mentor who provides or supervises services for secondary level students with adaptive learning needs. Emphasis is on application of research-based content knowledge and pedagogy and reflective, culturally sensitive practice. This internship is designed for practicing teachers adding grades 6-12 adaptive licensure or for students who have completed a special education clinical experience. Prerequisites: SPED 210, 310, 315, 345, and 361 or 371. Concurrent or subsequent semester: SPED 499. (Fall, Spring & Summer) *This course requires proof of negative TB test, completion of liability and felony forms, and may require a fingerprint background check (depending on placement) at an added expense.*

SE 499 Capstone Issues

1 hour

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their clinical experience or internship and professional role with peers, ACK faculty, and special educators. Topics of discussion include professionalism, ethical issues, advocacy, diversity, and resources. Prerequisites: SPED 210, 310, 315, 345, 321 & 331 or 361 & 371. Concurrent or previous semester: SPED 431 or SPED 471 (or comparable Internship). (Fall, Spring & Summer)

SE 349 Communication Development and Communication Disorders

3 hours

This class offers a survey of normal and atypical language development, assessment, bilingual education, contributions of the educator to overcoming language problems, and the relationships between oral language and reading and writing. There are no prerequisites for this course. (Interterm and Summer)

SE 380/678 Topics in Special Education:

1 hour

This course will focus on bringing the students up to date on current methods, changes in the field of special education, and new information related to the characteristics of children and youth with special needs. With consent of advisor.

Special Course Options

295/495 Field Experience (1-4 hours)

297 Study Abroad (12-16 hours)

299/499 Independent Study (1-4 hours)

388 Career Connections (3-10 hours)

445 Readings and Research (1-4 hours)