

**Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Special Education - ONLINE
(Birth – Age 6)**

Course	Title	Credits	Sem.
LEP/MNTC Courses Required for Admission to Teacher Preparation Program			
COMM XXX	Any Goal 1 COMM with COMM prefix (Minimum grade of C or better for admission to TPP)	3	B, Su
ENG 151 or 251	Academic Writing or Writing in Professions (Minimum grade of C or better for admission to TPP)	3-4	B, Su
MATH XXX	Any Goal 4 MATH with MATH prefix (Minimum grade of C or better for admission to TPP)	3-5	B, Su
Standards of Effective Practice			
ED 101	Introduction to Education & LAB	3	B
ED 102	Educational Technology	2	B, Su
ED 251	Child and Adolescent Growth and Development	3	B, Su
ED 312	Human Relations and Diversity in Education	3	B, Su
ED 400	Foundations of Literacy & Literature *Pre-Requisites: ED 101 & ED 102	2	B, Su
SPED 290	Introduction to Special Needs & LAB	3	B
TESL 431	Foundations of Teaching Multilingual Learners & LAB	3	B
ED 458	Pre-Student Teaching Experience **	3	B
Special Education Core Courses			
SPED 430	Foundations in Mild to Moderate Disabilities *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 & Sophomore status	3	B
SPED 450	Curriculum Design and Implementation in Special Education *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 & Sophomore status	3	B
SPED 460	Positive Behavior Support in Special Education *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 & Sophomore status	3	B
SPED 470	Collaboration in Educational Settings *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 & Sophomore status	3	B, Su
SPED 480	Procedural Safeguards in Special Education *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 & Junior status	3	B
Elementary & Reading Content Methods Courses			
ED 402	Early Literacy and Linguistics & LAB *	3	B
ED 404	Literacy Methods & LAB *Pre-Requisites: ED 402	3	B
ECSE Content Courses			
ECSE 422	ECSE Foundations *Pre-Requisites: ED 251 & SPED 290	3	S
ECSE 432	Infants, Toddlers, and Families in ECSE & LAB *Pre-Requisites: ED 251 & SPED 290	3	F
ECSE 441	Assessment and Curriculum in ECSE & LAB *Pre-Requisites: (ED 251 & SPED 290 & ECSE 422) & Junior status	4	F
ECSE 442	Programming for ECSE *Pre-Requisites: ED 251 & SPED 290 & ECSE 422	3	Su
Elective			
SPED 443	Diseases and Disorders Early Childhood	3	S
Student Teaching			
ECSE 462	Student Teaching in ECSE	12	B
ED 473	Teacher Licensure	0	B
Degree & Major Requirements			
	LEP/MnTC requirements (not all listed here)	45	
	Early Childhood Special Education major requirements	71	
	Total credits required	116	
<i>Note: Candidates must complete a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with a bachelor's degree.</i>			

Courses in the shaded area can be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program
Courses not in the shaded areas require admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

F = Fall S = Spring B = Both F & S Su = Summer fo = fall odd so = spring odd sue = summer odd fe = fall even se = spring even sue = summer even

* Courses that meet Reading Standards: Includes [MN Dyslexia Standards](#). If equivalent courses are transferred in, the candidate will need to provide evidence of meeting these standards or take ED 296 for one credit. * Courses that include SEPs and content standards.

This information is provided for advising. Official curriculum is published in the SMSU academic catalog: www.SMSU.edu/catalog/
 Students should refer to the online catalog or their DARS report for current curriculum. **This advising guide was revised: 10/8/2026**

Course	Hours Required	Grade Band Required
Ed 101: Introduction to Education and Lab	20	K-12 General Education
SPED 290: Introduction to Special Needs and Lab	15	K-12 Special Education
TESL 431: Foundations of Teaching Multilingual Learners and Lab	15	K-12 with 10% of class being Multilingual Learners
ED 402 Early Literacy Linguistics and Lab	15	K-3 General Literacy Education
ED 404 Literacy Methods and Lab	15	4-6 General Literacy Education
ECSE 432 Infants, Toddlers, and Families in ECSE and Lab	15	Birth – Age 6
ECSE 441 Assessment and Curriculum in ECSE and Lab	30	Birth – Age 6
ED 458 Pre Student Teaching Experience	80 Hours (2 Consecutive Week Experience)	Birth-Age 6
ECSE 462 Student Teaching in ECSE	12 Weeks	Birth-Age 6