

Special Education: Learning Disabilities (LD/SLD) Birth-Grade 12 Licensure Post-Bacc Level Additional Teaching License

The SPED: LD program leading to licensure is available to candidates who already hold a Minnesota teaching license, Tier 3 or 4, and seek additional licensing in LD/SLD. This program will facilitate the current needs of teachers seeking Minnesota licensure in the area of Learning Disabilities. If candidate holds a SPED:ABS license, the Special Education Core may already have been met. A comprehensive transcript review will verify courses needed for Minnesota licensure requirements.

Course	Title	Credits	Semester
Special Education Core (22 credits)			
SPED 530	Foundations in Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3	B
SPED 540	Assessment & Educational Planning & LAB	4	B
SPED 550	Curriculum Design and Implementation in Special Education	3	B
SPED 560	Positive Behavior Support in Special Education	3	B
SPED 570	Collaboration in Education	3	B, Su
SPED 580	Procedural Safeguards in Special Education	3	B
SPED 581	Compliant Practices in IEP Writing	3	F
Reading Requirements (6 credits)			
ED 502	Early Literacy and Linguistics & LAB *	3	F
ED 504	Literacy Methods & LAB * Pre-Requisite: ED 502	3	S
Learning Disability (LD) courses (12-15 credits)			
SPED 620	Characteristics of Students with Learning & Behavior Disorders (ABS exempt)	3	Su
SPED 624	Characteristics of Students with Moderate to Severe Learning Disabilities	3	Even Su
SPED 644	Teaching & Achievement Strategies for Learning Disabilities	3	Even Su
SPED 674	LD: Practicum in Learning Disabilities in grades K-12, Levels 1-3 (ABS exempt)	3	Every
SPED 684	LD: Practicum in Learning Disabilities in grades K-12, Levels 3-4	3	Every
Total Credits		40-43	

F = Fall, S = Spring, B = Both Fall & Spring, Su = Summer, Even Su = i.e. Summer 2026

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

Master's degree will require Research courses: SPED 625, 626, and 627 offered in two sequence options: Fall, Spring, Spring OR Spring, Summer, Spring.