

**Bachelor of Science: Special Education – Academic and Behavioral Strategist
Grades K-12
Transfer Pathway**

This advising guide is for teacher candidates who completed a Special Education Transfer Pathways program at a Minnesota State community college. When admitted to SMSU, you will be guaranteed junior status and all 60 associate degree credits will count toward the related bachelor's degree. Students must meet special admission requirements for the major and are not guaranteed admission into the major itself.

Course	Title	Credits	Semester
Standards of Effective Practice			
TESL 431	Foundations of Teaching ESL & Lab	3	B
ED 400	Foundations of Literacy & Literature <i>*Pre-Requisites: ED 101, ED 102, & ED 251</i>	2	B, Su
ED 458	Pre-Student Teaching Experience **	3	B
Elementary & Special Education Content Methods Courses			
ED 402	Early Literacy and Linguistics & LAB ** *	3	B
ED 404	Literacy Methods & LAB ** * <i>*Pre-Requisite: ED 402</i>	3	B
ED 424	Elementary Mathematics Methods & LAB **	3	B
SPED 430	Foundations in Mild to Moderate Disabilities ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Sophomore status</i>	3	B
SPED 440	Assessment & Educational Planning & LAB ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Junior status</i>	4	B
SPED 450	Curriculum Design and Implementation in Special Education ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Sophomore status</i>	3	B
SPED 460	Positive Behavior Support in Special Education & LAB ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Sophomore status</i>	3	B
SPED 470	Collaboration in Educational Settings ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Sophomore status</i>	3	B, Su
SPED 480	Procedural Safeguards in Special Education ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Junior status</i>	3	B
SPED 481	Compliant Practices in IEP Writing <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290</i>	3	F
SPED 485	Autism Spectrum Disorders: Issues and Needs ** <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290, Sophomore status</i>	3	B, Su
Special Education Elective – Not required but strongly encouraged.			
SPED 443	Diseases and Disorders in Childhood <i>*Pre-Requisites: SPED 290</i>	3	S
Student Teaching			
SPED 466	Student Teaching: K-12 Special Education **	12	B
ED 473	Teacher Licensure	0	B
Degree & Major Requirements			
	Special Education Transfer Pathway Associate of Science	60	
	SPED ABS Requirements	54	
	Total credits <i>Note: Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree.</i>	114	

F = Fall S = Spring B = Both F & S Su = Summer **Courses in the shaded area may be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program**

Courses not in the shaded areas require admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

Semester is based on online course offerings. For on-campus schedule, please refer to the on-campus advising guide for Special Education: ABS.

Note: Sections 88 & 89 reserved for online learners.

** Courses that need to be taken at SMSU (not articulated)

* Courses that meet Reading 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 updated: 7/7/2025**