

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

This advising guide is for teacher candidates who completed an Elementary 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	Credit	Semester
<b>Standards of Effective Practice Core</b>			
TESL 431	Foundations of Teaching ESL & Lab	3	B
SPED 423 OR ED 301	Positive Classroom & Behavior Management Strategies for the Special Education Classroom & LAB OR Teaching and Learning Processes & Lab (301L)	3 3	S F
ED 458	Action Research <i>*Must be taken prior to SPED 459</i>	3	B
SPED 459	Professional Development & Action Research <i>*Pre-requisite: ED 458</i>	1	S
SPED 459L	Pre-Student Teaching Experience	0	S
<b>Elementary &amp; Special Education Content Methods Courses</b>			
ED 401	Children's Literature *	2	S, Su
ED 402	Early Literacy and Linguistics & LAB *	3	B
ED 403	English Language Arts Methods & LAB	3	F, Su
ED 404	Literacy Methods & LAB *	3	B
ED 424	Elementary Mathematics Methods & LAB	3	B
SPED 430	Foundations in Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3	B
SPED 440	Assessment & Educational Planning & LAB	4	B
SPED 450	Curriculum Design and Implementation in Special Education	3	B
SPED 460	Positive Behavior Support in Special Education & LAB	3	B
SPED 470	Collaboration in Educational Settings	3	B, Su
SPED 480	Procedural Safeguards in Special Education	3	B
SPED 485	Autism Spectrum Disorders: Issues and Needs	3	B, Su
<b>Special Education Electives</b>			
SPED 443	Diseases and Disorders in Childhood	3	F
SPED 481	Compliant Practices in IEP Writing	3	F
<b>Student Teaching</b>			
SPED 466	Student Teaching: K-12 & Seminar	12	B
ED 473	Teacher Licensure	0	B
<b>Degree &amp; Major Requirements</b>			
	Special Education Transfer Pathway Associate of Science	60	
	SPED ABS Requirements	58	
	Total credits <i>Note: Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree.</i>	118	

F = Fall    S = Spring    B = Both F & S    Su = Summer

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

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

\* Courses that meet Reading Standards

MTLE tests required for this major: Special Education Core Skills Birth to Age 21 Content test (2 subtests) and your CHOICE of Elementary Pedagogy test (2 subtests) OR Secondary Pedagogy test (2 subtests) prior to licensure.

Basic Skills Tests in Reading, Writing, Math are not required until applying for [Tier 4 licensure](#). More information about licensure testing information can be found on [PELSB's website](#).

This information is provided for advising. Official curriculum is published in the SMSU academic catalog: [www.SMSU.edu/catalog/](http://www.SMSU.edu/catalog/)  
Students should refer to the online catalog or their DARS report for current curriculum. **This advising guide was updated: 3/2/2023**