



Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education (B.S. Ed.), No Concentration

- ❖ **Mason Core, 37 credits**
- ❖ **Special Education Core, 45 credits**
- ❖ **No Concentration, 15 credits**
- ❖ **General Electives, 23 credits**
- Total: 120 Credits**

- ❖ **Mason Core, 37 credits:** for current list of approved courses: catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/

Written Communication (ENGH 101) – 3 Credits	Arts – 3 Credits
Written Communication (ENGH 302) – 3 Credits	Western Civilization – 3 Credits
Oral Communication – 3 Credits	Social and Behavioral Sciences (EDSE 203 recommended)– 3 Credits
Information Technology – 3 Credits	Global Understanding (EDSE 204 recommended) – 3 Credits
Quantitative Reasoning – 3 Credits	Natural Science – 7 Credits
Literature – 3 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 credit lab / 3 credit non-lab

- ❖ **Special Education Core, 45 credits**

EDUC 200	Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools – 3 Credits
EDUC 302 or PSYC 211	Human Growth and Development/Developmental Psychology – 3 Credits
EDSE 201	Introduction to Special Education – 3 Credits
EDSE 251	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Supports – 3 Credits
EDSE 351	Technology Integration for Specialized Instruction – 3 Credits
EDSE 352	Assessment – 3 Credits
EDSE 353	Individualized Behavior Supports – 3 Credits
EDSE 354	Consultation and Collaboration – 3 Credits
EDSE 381	Exploratory Field Experience in Special Education – 3 Credits
EDSE 451	Transition and Self-Determination – 3 Credits
EDSE 452	Intersectionality and Disability (Writing Intensive) – 3 Credits
EDSE 481	Internship Professional Services (Capstone) – 12 Credits

*Pending approval

- ❖ **B.S. Ed. In Special Education without Concentration (15 credits):**

Students who do not select an optional concentration must complete the special education core and select at least 15 credits from the special education offerings below:

EDSE 203	Disability in American Culture
EDSE 204	Disability in a Global Society
EDSE 241	Characteristics of Students with Disabilities: High Incidence
EDSE 311	Characteristics of Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments
EDSE 341	Language Acquisition and Reading Development
EDSE 361	Characteristics of Students with Severe Disabilities
EDSE 362	Communication with Severe Disabilities
EDSE 410	Deaf History
EDSE 412	Braille Code
EDSE 413	Medical and Educational Implications of Blindness and Visual Impairments
EDSE 414	Orientation and Mobility for Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments
EDSE 417	Teaching Methods for Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments
EDSE 418	Curriculum and Assessment for Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments
EDSE 419	Braille Reading and Writing
EDSE 420	Deaf Culture
EDSE 441	Instructional Strategies for Reading and Writing
EDSE 443	Instructional Strategies for Math
EDSE 463	Curriculum and Methods in Severe Disabilities
EDSE 467	Foundations of Language and Literacy for Individuals with Severe Disabilities
EDSE 469	Interdisciplinary Approach for Children with Sensory and Motor Disabilities
EDAT 422	Assistive Technology for Students with Sensory Impairments

❖ **Suggested Academic Plan (to be supplemented by Mason Core and Electives)**

Semester	No Concentration	Credits	Prerequisites
1st Year Fall	Mason Core/Electives	Total: 15	
1st Year Spring	Mason Core/Electives	Total: 15	
2nd Year Fall	EDSE 201: Introduction to Special Education	3	
	EDUC 200: Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	9	
		Total: 15	
2nd Year Spring	EDSE 251: Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Supports	3	
	PSYC 211: Developmental Psychology or EDUC 302: Human Growth and Development	3	
	Mason Core/Electives	9	
		Total: 15	
3rd Year Fall	EDSE 352: Assessment	3	
	EDSE 381: Exploratory Field Experience in Special Education	3	EDSE 201
	Electives in the major	3	
	General Electives	6	
		Total: 15	
3rd Year Spring	EDSE 353: Individualized Behavior Supports	3	
	EDSE 354: Consultation and Collaboration	3	
	Electives in the major	6	
	General Electives	3	
		Total: 15	
4th Year Fall	EDSE 451: Transition and Self-Determination	3	
	EDSE 452: Intersectionality and Disability	3	
	Elective in the major	6	
	General Electives	3	
		Total: 15	
4th Year Spring	EDSE 481 Internship: Professional Services Capstone	12	EDSE 381
	EDSE 351: Technology Integration for Specialized Instruction	3	EDSE 201
		Total: 15	

- ❖ **Academic Requirements: 120 total credits; 45 Upper Level Credits Hours, 30 Hours (12 upper level) for GMU Residency Requirement; completion of Mason Core courses; GPA of at least 2.0; cumulative GPA of 2.25 in major coursework; completion of CPR/FirstAid/AED certification**