

SEVERE SPECIAL NEEDS LICENSURE MAJOR

Liberal Studies (Education), B.A.

Licensure: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

The licensure program in Severe Special Needs (All levels) consists of a liberal studies major combined with appropriate education courses. Students are required to take the Bay Path University core, a liberal studies core, and an education core satisfying requirements for licensure. This program has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Students earn an initial teaching license in Severe Special Needs, all levels, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Severe Special Needs license qualifies for reciprocity with states that participate in the Interstate Agreement and endorse similar licensure. This allows Bay Path University education graduates to teach in states other than Massachusetts, pending meeting specific requirements of the state.

The Severe Special Needs program is fully approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Initial licensure. The Education programs at Bay Path University prepare students to be teachers and leaders in the public schools and/or the private preschool sector. The goals of the Education program are to ensure that our graduates are of excellent academic caliber and become exemplary teachers. The Education programs have a strong liberal arts base as their foundation. This foundation provides the student with in-depth knowledge of the academic disciplines necessary for successful teaching. Education students are given ample opportunity to participate in classrooms as part of teacher training. Public schools within the city of Springfield and surrounding communities, private preschools and childcare centers, all support and enrich the Education programs.

Degree requirements for the Severe Special Needs Licensure major are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<i>University Core</i>		
	Behavioral/Social Science Elective	3
BUS 204	Financial Wellness	1
ENG 114	Critical Reading and Response	3
ENG 124	Research and Writing in the Disciplines	3
ENG 134	Literary Genres	3
	Humanities Electives	6
MAT 161	Numbers and Operations	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	3
PSY 205	Child Development	3
	Science Electives (lab required)	7
WEL 100 or WEL 220	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	3
WEL 350	Strategies for Career and Personal Growth	2
<i>Major Requirements</i>		
	Economics Elective ¹	3
EDU 250	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 300	Reading and Early Literacy	3

EDU 323	Reading and Language Arts for Elementary School	3
EDU 348	Reading and Language for English Language Learners	3
EDU 441S	Severe Special Needs (All Levels)	1
EDU 490	Pre-Practicum Seminar	1
EDU 495	Practicum Seminar	1
EDU 496	Practicum: Severe Disabilities (All Levels)	12
ENG 210	Children's Literature	3
ENG 221	American Literature	3
ENG 311	World Literature	3
GEO 102	Introduction to Geography	3
GOV 100	American Government	3
HIS 114	The United States to 1877	3
HIS 115	The United States Since 1877	3
HIS 202	Global History to 1500	3
HIS 203	Global History since 1500	3
MAT 162	Functions and Algebra	3
MAT 163	Geometry and Statistics	3
SPE 511	Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPE 515	Foundations for Promoting Inclusive Schools	3
SPE 531	Teaching and Assessing Students with Severe Disabilities	3
<i>General Electives</i>		
General Electives		8
<i>Total Credits Required</i>		120

¹ Students must choose one course from the following list: ECO 211 Macroeconomics, ECO 212 Microeconomics, ECO 240 Economics.