The Department of Education recognizes that many of its Elementary Education majors understand the necessity of gaining skills in the area of special education. Courses from related fields have been selected which provide preparation for pre-service teachers in special education. This option does not lead to State endorsement in special education. However, a notation will appear on the student’s transcript.

All Special Education Option students should follow the Elementary Education K-8 curriculum, with these additions:

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Total Credits: **17**

A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be in courses numbered 300 and above.

Students choosing this option voluntarily select a program that requires additional coursework above the 120 credits required for a standard four-year degree.

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