

LIBERAL STUDIES B.A. INTEGRATED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (ITEP, EDUCATION SPECIALIST)

Program Learning Outcomes

Liberal Studies Program Outcomes (Undergraduate Portion of ITEP Education Specialist)

1. Students will articulate their mission as a teacher in the context of their Christian faith through written and verbal modes of expression including reflective essays, a Christian faith integration paper, and class discussions.
2. Students will demonstrate understanding of the various philosophies of education and be able to articulate their own personal philosophies in integrative papers and class discussions.
3. Students will apply their knowledge of cultural diversity through fieldwork, oral presentations, and writing projects.
4. Students will demonstrate their use of information literacy to support student learning by applying technology skills to collaborative online writing projects and objective exams.
5. Students will apply their understanding of the state teaching profession standards by completing field experience observations and writing assignments.
6. Students will apply their working knowledge of the foundations of the teaching profession through field experience.

Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) Program Learning Outcomes (Credential Portion of ITEP Education Specialist)

1. Candidates will assess and respond to the unique and developmental needs and assets of students with disabilities using multiple measures and data-based decision-making.
2. Candidates will integrate positive behavioral intervention and support strategies and social emotional learning best practices to create a student-centered, inclusive learning environment.
3. Candidates will implement co-teaching and collaboration to partner with teachers, paraeducators, service providers, and families to support student success and to manage the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.
4. Candidates will use advocacy skills, culturally responsive teaching practices, and cultural reciprocity to improve outcomes for culturally, socially, and linguistically diverse students with disabilities.
5. Candidates will create effective, content-specific, and universally designed instruction and enhance their expertise as lifelong learners through professional engagement.

Requirements

The ITEP Pathway integrates a Bachelor of Arts degree with a preliminary Education Specialist (Special Education) Mild/Moderate Support Needs

(MMSN) Credential by combining the study of academic subject matter for elementary school teaching with professional preparation and student teaching. Students must complete VU Core Requirements, Liberal Studies Program Requirements, and Education Specialist Credential Program Requirements to graduate via the ITEP pathway. This program follows standards established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). ITEP is specifically designed for undergraduates who have decided relatively early (no later than Spring semester of Sophomore year) to pursue a special education teaching career. Application process is required. Contact the Liberal Studies Department for more information.

Code	Title	Units
Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ¹		43
Education Course Requirements ²		21
Visual and Performing Arts Requirements ²		3
English/Social Science/Human Development Requirements ²		19
Science Requirements ²		8
Education Specialist Credential Requirements ²		34
Total Units		128

Education Course Requirements

Code	Title	Units
EDUC-100	Introduction to Education	3
EDUC-220C	Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors	3
EDUC-315	Teaching in a Multicultural Setting	3
EDUC-326	Child and Adolescent Development	3
EDUC-344	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDUC-346	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDUC-499C	Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies	3
Total Units		21

Visual and Performing Arts Requirements

Code	Title	Units
MUSC-337B	Music for Elementary Schools (Non-Majors)	3
Total Units		3

English/Social Science/Human Development Requirements

Code	Title	Units
EDUC-121	Teaching Math Concepts for K-8 Educators	3
EDUC-324/ KINE-435	Physical and Health Education for K-8 Educators	3
EDUC-356	Curriculum Methods in Elementary School Social Studies	1
ENGL-340	Children's Literature	3
ENGL-453	Language, Culture, and Linguistics	3
HIST-156C	U.S. History	3
POLS-155C	American Democracy	3
Total Units		19

Science Requirements

Code	Title	Units
BIOL-100C & 100CL	Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors and Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab	4
PSCI-216C & 216CL	Fundamentals of Physical Science and Fundamentals of Physical Science Lab	4
Total Units		8

Education Specialist Credential Requirements

Code	Title	Units
EDUC-409	Foundations in Teaching for Multiple Subject	2
EDUC-419	English Language Arts in Elementary Classrooms for Multiple Subject	3
EDUC-471S	Curricular Methods & Adaptations	3
EDUC-472S	Differentiating Mathematics Instruction for Students with Disabilities	3
EDUC-473S	Assessment and Data-Based Decision- Making for Students with Disabilities	3
EDUC-474S	Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Learning Supports	3
EDUC-475S	Collaboration for IEP Case Management and Transition Planning	3
EDUC-481S	Beginning Clinical Practice and Cal TPA 1	4
EDUC-482S	Beginning Clinical Practice and Cal TPA 1 support seminar	1
EDUC-483S	Beginning Clinical Practice and Cal TPA Cycle 2	8
EDUC-484S	Beginning Clinical Practice and Cal TPA Cycle 2 support seminar	1
Total Units		34

