

## TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

## SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Neag School of Education's Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates (TCPCG) in Special Education is designed to prepare college graduates for certification as teachers of Special Education (grades PK-12). College graduates who have completed or anticipate completing an accredited bachelor's degree program at this or another college or university may apply for admission to the TCPCG when their academic background includes completion of the following general education and subject area major requirements. Applicants must also apply to and be accepted by the Graduate School of the University of Connecticut to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology. To earn the University of Connecticut's institutional recommendation to serve as a teacher, students must successfully complete the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology (Special Education concentration) and Connecticut's subject knowledge testing requirements.

**Plan of Study Requirements for Special Education Certification**

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution.
2. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: General academic courses: Applicants must have 39 semester hours of coursework that meets five of six of the following areas: (1) English; (2) Natural Sciences; (3) Mathematics; (4) Social Studies; (5) Foreign Language; or (6) Fine Arts. Applicants must have a three-semester hour U.S. History survey course.
3. SUBJECT AREA MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: A Bachelor's degree.
4. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS:

**MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

<i>Summer Session</i>	EDCI 5060	Social and Multicultural Foundations of Education (3)
	EDCI 5065	Learning Theories (3)
	EPSY 5113	Beginning Reading Supports for Students with Learning Difficulties (3)
	EPSY 5121	Developmental Foundations of Exceptionality (3)
	EPSY 5123	Instructional Strategies & Adaptations for Students with Special Learning Needs (3)
<i>Fall</i>	EPSY 5092	Internship/Practicum (3)
	EPSY 5116	Assessment in Special Education (3)
	EPSY 5141	Classroom & Behavior Management for Special Educators (3)
	EPSY 5195	Workshop in Special Education (Research) (3)
	EPSY 5221	Wise Integration of Technology (1)
<i>Spring</i>	EDCI 5050	Seminar I: Student Teaching Seminar (3)
	EPSY 5140	Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities (3)
	EPSY 5396	Student Teaching (9)

**Total: 43 credits**

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