

SPECIAL EDUCATION (LICENSURE)

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.) – Catalog Year 2026 – 2027

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Special Education (SPED) track in the Education and Human Development (EDHD) major prepares students to address the exceptional learning needs of individuals ages five to 21. The Special Education track combines cutting-edge research with real classroom experiences. Students gain critical knowledge and interventions to teach learners with exceptional learning needs. The 126-credit-hour licensure track fulfills all requirements for a license to work with children ages five to 21 in Colorado's school districts. This track is designed to enhance your ability to effectively support diverse, urban students with disabilities in K-12 public schools and alternative settings.

A unique feature of this pathway is that you will be able to add the Colorado Department of Education's elementary endorsement to your credentials. Essentially, you will leave this program with both the Special Education License and the Elementary Education Endorsement through the Colorado Department of Education. This means you are prepared to teach Special Education AND K-6, making you highly employable and desirable to schools!

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's level degree.
2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses and a B- (2.7) or above in designated major courses and Professional Year Residency courses within the major. These courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete required classroom-based field experiences.
3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook. For teacher education licensure students, this includes meeting Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements.
4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Education and Human Development BA degree in Special Education (EDHD – Special Education) must meet the minimum program requirements listed below.

1. Students must complete a minimum of 126 semester hours for the EDHD Special Education Track.
2. Students must meet the Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements through approved Multiple Measures or by passing the appropriate Praxis.
3. Application to the last year of the program, the Professional Year Residency is required. After successfully completing all other Core, major, and elective courses, all students must apply for admission into the Professional Year. Requirements for admission include a 3.0 GPA, positive letters of recommendation, successful evaluations of earlier clinical experiences, and a successful interview. (Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions. Please see the SEHD website.)
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all major courses applying to EDHD – Special Education requirements unless otherwise specified.
5. Students must complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average in Professional Year coursework to complete licensure requirements. Please see an advisor for more information on this requirement.
6. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete before transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent courses from the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical that students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure that planned courses will transfer and meet CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	31		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3	MAT 1220	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH	
Behavioral Sciences	3	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3	GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	---
EDHD – Special Education Major Courses	29		
EDHD 1930 Comm Based Field Exp. & Seminar †	4	EDU 2211 and 1088/2088 (<i>min grade of B- required for licensure</i>)	
HDFR 2110 Child Ecology	3	PSY 2441 or PSY 2440 or ECE 2381	
EDFN 1000 Equity, Rights & Education	3	EDU 2341	
INTE 2000 Digital Teaching and Learning	3	EDU 2611	
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability	3	EDU 2401 (<i>min grade of B- required for licensure</i>)	
SPED 4300 Fam, Prof, and Comm Collab	3	ECE 2101	
MTED 3040 † Math for Elem Teachers	3	MAT 1230 (<i>min grade of B- required for licensure</i>)	
Electives	7	Any GT or transferable courses to CU Denver	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing fewer than 60 applicable transfer credits will need to complete additional credits at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver SEHD Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Upon successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining requirements to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One

Semester 1	CRS
CLDE 2000 †	3
SPED 4400	3
SPED 4500(co-req: EDHD 2930 or EDHD 3930)	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block #2: Learning & Development</i>	3
EDHD 2930†§	
LCRT 3720 §	3
LCRT 4000 §	3
Total Credit Hours	18

Semester 2	CRS
CLDE 4020 †	3
SPED 4151	3
SPED 4780	3
EDFN 4010†	3
<i>Clinical Field Experience Block #3: Diverse Learners</i>	
EDHD 3930†§	3
SPED 4740 or CLDE 3830 §	3
Total Credit Hours	18

In the second semester of year three, apply for admission to the Professional Year. Deadlines for the Professional Year application are 2/15 for a Fall start or 10/1 for a Spring start.

Year Two: Professional Year

Semester 1	CRS
LCRT 4710 †	3
UEDU 4040 †	3
MTED 4002 †	3
SPED 4140 †	3
UEDU 4931 †	2
UEDU 4932 †	2
Total Credit Hours	16

Semester 2	CRS
SPED 4010 †	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
MTED 4003 †	3
UEDU 4933 †	6
Total Credit Hours	15

After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.

† **Education Licensure Course:** requires a minimum grade of B- or higher

§ **Clinical Field Experience Block:**

- All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester
- Field experience paperwork deadlines:
 - Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline; 4/15 Final deadline
 - Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline

|| **Professional Year:** Admission to Professional Year required

- Requirements for admission to Professional Year include:
 - A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework
 - Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, and elective requirements)
 - Successful completion of the application and interview process
- Professional Year application deadlines:
 - Fall start = 2/15 deadline
 - Spring start = 10/1 deadline