

EDU132N : Introduction to Exceptionalities

This course examines the psychological, physiological, social and educational characteristics of children who demonstrate an exceptionality and who are in need of special education services. An overview of the most common exceptionalities, standard interventions, and social and educational trends connected to these exceptionalities is included. Students will explore the historical foundations of special education, as well as current trends, federal laws that regulate special education, and the basic values and philosophies that underlie the supports provided for the student. Investigation into research-based strategies and supports will demonstrate ways to help students succeed in the classroom. The process for referring a student for services will be addressed, and then students will develop a mock IEP, gaining an understanding of the purpose of the Team, including the importance of working with families and available resources. Students must complete 10 hours of field experience outside of class time.

Credits 3