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Early Childhood/Elementary Special Education — MEd (Alternative Certification, Online Option Available)

Code	Title	Hours
Alternative Class A Education Program Checklist		
Teaching Field: 21 hours		
At least 1/3 of the program shall be in teaching field courses.		
Required: 18 hours		
RSED 7120	Advanced Assessment in Special Education	3
RSED 7230	Advanced Behavior Management in Special Education	3
RSED 6120	Curriculum in Elementary: Literacy and Mathematics in Special Education ⁴	3
RSED 6180	Literacy and Instructional Classroom Management ⁴	3
RSED 7410	Program Implementation in Specialization (B-5)	3
RSED 7460	Positive Behavior Supports ¹	3
Select 3 hours from the following:		3
RSED 7420	Research in Specialization	
RSED 7430	Research Into Practice	
RSED 7400	Curriculum and Teaching in Specialization (Learning Strategies) ¹	
RSED 7410	Program Implementation in Specialization (Leadership) ¹	
RSED 7220	Advanced Teaching Methods in Special Education	
Other advisor-approved courses 6000 level or above in the Teaching Field		
Professional Studies: 33 hours		
RSED 6150	Literacy Methods in Special Education ⁴	3
RSED 6230	Rehabilitation Assistive Technology	3
RSED 7910	Practicum	3
RSED 7920	Clinical Residency ²	9
RSED 6000	Advanced Survey of Exceptionality ³	3
RSED 6100	Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities ³	3
RSED 6110	Curriculum in Early Childhood Special Education: Literacy and Developmental Domains ^{3 4}	3
RSED 6140	Curriculum in Severe Disabilities ³	3
RSED 6160	Framework for Collaboration in K-12 ³	3
Total Hours		54

¹ The state diversity course requirement is fulfilled with RSED 7400 Curriculum and Teaching: Learning Strategies, RSED 7410 Program Implementation: Leadership, and RSED 7460 Positive Behavior Supports.

² Clearance for Clinical Residency includes completion of all other coursework. Exceptions require approval using the Student Petition Form.

³ If equivalents of the following courses were completed at an undergraduate level, the credit hours will be waived and the total program hours reduced appropriately: RSED 6000, RSED 6100, RSED 6110, RSED 6140, RSED 6160.
In addition to the Graduate School requirement of a cumulative 3.0 GPA on all AU courses carrying graduate credit, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 is required on all courses used to meet program requirements.
Coursework used to meet admission requirements cannot be used again to meet Alternative Class A program requirements.

All substitutions for required courses must be approved using the Course Substitution Form, including transfer work.

4 The Alabama Literacy Act requirement is fulfilled with completion of RSED 6110, 6120, 6150, and 6180.

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Code	Title	Hours
Class A Program Checklist for Teaching Field		
Teaching Field: 33 hours		
At least 1/3 of the program shall be in teaching field courses.		
Required: 9 hours		
RSED 7910	Practicum	3
RSED 6230	Rehabilitation Assistive Technology	3
RSED 7410	Program Implementation in Specialization (B-5)	3
Select 24 hours from the following:		24
RSED 7120	Advanced Assessment in Special Education	
RSED 7220	Advanced Teaching Methods in Special Education	
RSED 7230	Advanced Behavior Management in Special Education	
RSED 7400	Curriculum and Teaching in Specialization (Learning Strategies) ¹	
RSED 7410	Program Implementation in Specialization (Leadership) ¹	
RSED 7420	Research in Specialization	
RSED 7430	Research Into Practice	
RSED 7460	Positive Behavior Supports ¹	
RSED 7990	Research and Thesis (required for MS degree)	
Other advisor-approved courses 6000 level or above in the Teaching Field		
Survey of Special Education/Diversity Course		
See RSED 6000 in Additional Courses AND RSED 7400, RSED 7410, or RSED 7460 in Teaching Field ¹		
Additional Courses: ²		
RSED 6000	Advanced Survey of Exceptionality ^{1,2}	
RSED 6100	Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities ²	
RSED 6110	Curriculum in Early Childhood Special Education: Literacy and Developmental Domains ²	
RSED 6140	Curriculum in Severe Disabilities ²	
RSED 6150	Literacy Methods in Special Education ²	
RSED 6160	Framework for Collaboration in K-12 ²	
Total Hours		33

¹ RSED 6000 Advanced Survey of Exceptionality must be completed if survey of special education course was not completed for prior level certification. If a survey of special education course was completed for prior level certification, the state diversity course requirement must be fulfilled with RSED 7400 Curriculum & Teaching: Learning Strategies, RSED 7410 Program Implementation: Leadership, or RSED 7460 Positive Behavior Supports.

² The following courses or equivalents are required if not previously completed--particularly for candidates whose prior level certification was NOT in special education: RSED 6000, RSED 6100, RSED 6110, RSED 6140, RSED 6150, RSED 6160. These credit hours are in addition to the 33 total program hours.

In addition to the Graduate School requirement of a cumulative 3.0 GPA on all AU courses carrying graduate credit, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 is required on all courses used to meet program requirements.

Coursework used to meet Class B certification requirements may not be used to meet requirements for Class A certification.

All substitutions for required courses must be approved using the Course Substitution Form, including transfer work.