

INTEGRATED STUDIES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN EDUCATION SPECIALIST, B.A.

Designed for working adults, the Integrated Studies with an Emphasis in Education Specialist major allows candidates to concurrently work on an initial Education Specialist teaching credential while completing a Bachelor of Arts degree. This major, offered at Point Loma Nazarene University's Mission Valley and Bakersfield campuses, and in an asynchronous online format, is ideal for aspiring teachers wanting to teach K-12 students with special needs.

Program Learning Outcomes

The Point Loma Nazarene University Institutional Learning Outcomes guide the development of each program learning outcome within the Integrated Studies degree. Because this degree is housed in the School of Education, student learning outcomes in each course are aligned within the overarching conceptual framework of "Equip, Transform, and Empower."

Equip by Learning: Informed by our faith in Christ

1. Evaluate the educational, cultural, interpersonal, and social environments within the professional workplace from an ethical and Christian context
2. Demonstrate problem-solving and decision-making skills within the context of a diverse educational environment.

Transform by Growing: In a Christ-centered faith community

1. Distinguish how the role of a teacher-leader needs to continually adapt in relation to individual student needs,

Empower by Serving: In a context of Christian faith

1. Evaluate personal, interpersonal, social strengths and weaknesses, and incorporate personal style to effectively and ethically influence the workplace.

Code	Title	Units
Common Courses ^{1,2}		
EDT 3002	Foundations of Education and Learning Theory	3
EDT 3006	Principles of Language Acquisition	3
EDT 4004	Foundations of Special Education	3
EDT 4009	Classroom Assessment and Research Practices	3
EDT 4017 (A,B,C,D)	Teaching and Learning Capstone: Contemporary Issues in the Vocation of Education	0.5-2
Education Specialist (Mild Moderate & Extensive Support Needs) Courses ³		
EDT 3024	Differentiated Mathematics Instruction for All Learners	3
EDT 4010	Methods of Teaching Reading and Writing	3
EDT 4021	General Methods for Secondary Teachers	3
EDT 4061	Supportive Environments and Plans for Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDT 4062	Assessments and Case Management	3

EDT 4063	Self-Determination and Partnerships: Keys to Successful Transitions	3
EDT 4064	Multidisciplinary Collaboration and IEP Development	3
EDT 4065	Social Emotional, Communicative Strategies and Behavior Supports	3
EDT 4066	High Leverage Practices for Inclusive Environments	3
Total Units		39.5-41

- ¹ These common courses are required for a preliminary credential in Special Education.
- ² All candidates who earn this preliminary credential will have an English Learner Authorization listed on their credential.
- ³ All candidates who earn the Education Specialist (Ed. Sp.) Credential will be getting all five added authorizations: (Autism, ED, OHI, OI, TBI, and Deaf Blind). This allows Ed. Sp. candidates to teach students who hold a primary disability in one of these categories. Each Ed. Sp. candidate will also complete 200 hours of early clinical practice hours.

Clinical Practice Requirements

All candidates for an initial preliminary credential will complete eight (8) units of Clinical Practice (Student Teaching) along with the required seminars for a total of ten (10) additional units after the completion of their BA.

In addition, to be eligible for a credential, candidates must take and pass the California Teacher Performance Assessments (CalTPAs), as well as the required testing for the credential as required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

An additional four (4) units of Clinical Practice is required for each credential added to an initial credential.

Graduation Requirements

In order to earn or receive a baccalaureate degree in the Integrated Studies with an Emphasis in Education Specialist, credential, or certificate under the Adult Degree Completion Program, a student must satisfy all of the following:

- Complete all program requirements, with no course grade lower than "C" and minimum resident GPA of 2.000 for units completed in the Point Loma Nazarene University major program. If the minimum grade is not met, courses may be repeated prior to the last semester. Military-benefit students should inquire with Military Services for further information.
- Filing of an Application for Degree Candidacy.
- Satisfactory completion of all applicable academic and program requirements.
- Payment in full of all tuition, fees, and other financial obligations owed to the university, including a degree processing fee.

All candidates must complete all the requirements as outlined for Adult Degree Completion programs - with a minimum of 120 units with all the major requirements completed at Point Loma Nazarene University.