

Early Childhood Special Education

Bachelor of Science Education (B.S.Ed.)

Teaching means being able to address differences and discover the best teaching methods for each type of learner. Black Hills State University takes you beyond assessing the developmental levels of young children by educating you about the strategies for reaching each individual child and connecting with their family to enhance learning.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE:

As an early childhood specialist, you'll diligently work with each child so he or she can grow as a thinking person in a changing world. The educational curriculum is tailored to provide developmentally appropriate activities in all areas of learning: physical, linguistic, emotional, adaptive, social, and educational. This may sound like a tall order for little people, but you will be the one to provide toddlers through second graders with a very important developmental start. Educational demands with those five and under continue to rise, which increases the need for early childhood specialists. You will change lives!

LEARN FROM THE BEST:

BHSU faculty members are strong advocates for children with typical and atypical needs and bring a diverse background of work experience for you to draw upon, such as teaching and practicing school psychology in diverse cultural settings. You'll work along side educational professionals who blend their knowledge and experiences into a solid educational curriculum.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE:

Students have a unique opportunity to gain early childhood experience at the BHSU Little Jackets Learning Center. Share the wonder and delight of learning through a child's eyes. Lead with confidence, teach with understanding, make a real difference with a degree from BHSU.

We deliver on our promise to prepare competent, confident, and caring professionals.

Call 1-800-ALL-BHSU or visit www.BHSU.edu/EarlyChildhood

Education majors may belong to the Student South Dakota Education Association, BHSU chapter of National Association for the Education of Young Children and are eligible for the education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

The special education teacher program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the South Dakota Department of Education.



Transform your life at BHSU.

CAREER OPTIONS:

Prepare for an exciting career today:

- Early Childhood Special Educator
- Child Care Worker
- Preschool Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher



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Required Core

GEOG 210 World Regional Geography **
HIST 151 United States History I **OR** HIST 152 United States History II **
POLS 100 American Government**
PSYC 101 General Psychology**

Pre-Professional Core

ARTE 310 K-8 Art Methods	HLTH 251 First Aid & CPR
ECE 228 Guidance with Young Children	HLTH 321 K-8 Methods of Teaching Health
EDFN 338 Foundations of American Education	INED 411 South Dakota Indian Studies
EDFN 295 Preadmission Teaching Practicum	LIBM 205 Children's Literature
EDFN 475 Human Relations	MATH 341 Math Concepts for Teachers I
ELED 303 Earth & Physical Science for Elementary Teachers	MATH Elective
ELED 315 Foundations & Theory of Reading	SPED 300 Students with Exceptionalities
EPSY 302 Educational Psychology	SPED 460 Family Systems and Professional Collaboration
EPSY 327 Child Growth & Development	

Professional Core

ECE 411 Social Development in Early Childhood
ECE 413 Early Childhood Curriculum
ECE 417 Methods of Early Childhood Education
ECE 486 Early Childhood/Special Education Student Teaching: Preschool
ECE 488 Student Teaching
EDFN 365 Computer-Based Technology & Learning
ELED 320 K-8 Science Methods
ELED 330 K-8 Math Methods
ELED 360 K-8 Social Science Methods
ELED 440 K-8 Language Arts Methods
ELED 450 K-8 Reading Methods
ELED 459 Diagnosis & Remediation of Reading Difficulties
ELED 495 Pre-Student Teaching Practicum
SPED 410 Behavior Management of Exceptional Children
SPED 413 Students with MR, DD, & Severe Disabilities
SPED 431 Identification and Assessment in Special Education

General Education Requirements

Gen Ed - Mathematics 3 semester hours
Gen Ed - Social Science satisfied by major
Gen Ed - Arts & Humanities 12 semester hours
Gen Ed - Natural Science AND Lab 8 semester hours
ENGL 101 - Composition I
ENGL 201 - Composition II
SPCM 101, OR SPCM 215, OR SPCM 222 Speech
WEL 100 - Wellness for Life AND WEL 100L Lab

A *minor* is NOT required with this major but electives are required to total 128 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300/400 level courses.

**Completes one general education requirement.

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Notes: This program guide serves as a resource for you. For official program requirements, please check with the official catalog at <http://catalog.bhsu.edu>.