

A student must complete the course and credit requirements as defined on this curriculum sheet to be a candidate for the PK-12 Special Education Certification. Additional policies, procedures and requirements may be found in the current Graduate University Catalog and/or student teaching handbook. Additionally, the student needs to be approved on an individual basis by the program director.

Degree Requirement		MAJOR		
A student must already hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university for this degree.		Requirements for Certification- 25 Credits		
An evaluation of transcripts will be necessary to determine the required coursework.		EDU502	The Learning and Teaching Process	3
		SPE520	Methods, Materials, and Curriculum	3
		SPE562	Special Education Law and Ethics	3
Credit Requirement A minimum of 25 credits are required for this MS in Special Education program.		SPE563	Current Issues in Special Education	3
		EDU581	Foundations of Special Education in an Inclusionary Setting	3
Grade Requirements		SPE560	Diagnostic, Assessment, Prescriptive & Intervention Techniques for Special Education	3
		SPE561	Researched Based Learning Methods & Materials for the Special Learner	3
		SPE564	Behavior Management Skills for the Special Learner	3
The minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.0, (B) average is required to remain in good standing. One grade of C+ is permitted but a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained throughout the program. Students may retake a maximum of 2 courses in which they earned a C or C+. Students may retake an individual course only one time. Students may not earn any grade below a C and remain in the program.		SPE566	Student Teaching Practicum	1

PA Certification
Special Education is a standalone certification in Pennsylvania. PA certification requires special education coursework, special education specialty tests, and field experience.

Curriculum sheets for all education programs at Gwynedd Mercy University are subject to change pending program specific competency changes in certification by the PA Department of Education. New regulations in 22 PA Code Chapter 49 may result in changes for teacher education programs at Gwynedd Mercy University.

