This program is designed for individuals certified in general education who desire certification in learning/behavior disorders (LBD). This program is also for individuals who hold a categorical special education certificate. The student’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints and portfolio entries addressing experienced teacher standards. This program does not lead to a master’s degree but can be used as a basis for developing a Rank I program. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for completion of this program.

**Courses Required**

- SED 603 (3) Special Education Law and Procedures
- *SED 552 (3) Functional Behavior Analysis
- CDI 635 (3) Seminar in Speech-Language Pathology
- *SED 602 (3) Family and Professional Partnerships
- *SED 537 (3) Diagnostics Methods
- *SED 625 (3) Instructional Techniques for Children and Youth with Mild Disabilities
- *SED 605 (3) Characteristics and Needs of Children and Youth with Mild Disabilities
- *SED 615 (3) Collaboration Skills for Educators
- *SED 540 (3) Procedures for Classroom Management and Discipline
- SED 690 (1) Exit seminar in Special Education
  (* Practicum component built into course)
- 2-3 Hour elective

**Graduate Course to Satisfy Undergraduate Deficiencies**

- REA 612 (3) Foundations of Literacy (or approved reading course for deficiency in reading)

**Other Certificate Requirements**

(Changes in the program may occur in accordance with the MSU Graduate Bulletin)

**Exit Requirement: Portfolio**

Student must receive a “pass” on the eligibility portfolio presented in SED 690 which is based on activities and assignments which demonstrate competency in the experienced teacher standards.

**Praxis:**

- Special Exams Required for Certification at the end of the program
  - Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (0353) – Passing Score 157
  - Mild to Moderate Disabilities (0542) – Passing Score 172

Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net) for current requirements or contact Ms. Rice at 502-564-4606 or 888-598-7667.

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