

PROGRAM CHECKSHEET

Certification Program for Director of Special Education

Requirements for Admission

3.0 or above on all graduate work attempted
A minimum combined score on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE of 750.
Valid Special Education teaching certificate.
A Masters in Education from an accredited college or university and a valid teaching certificate.
Three years teaching experience in Special Education (required for professional certification).

Students admitted to the Director of Special Education certification program will be required to submit an exit portfolio. The portfolio must include artifacts that reflect the student's skills as a leader. Portfolio entries will include work completed as a part of all coursework required for the program as well as artifacts created as a part of the student's supervised practical experience. The Director of Special Educational program faculty will assess the portfolio through Folio180 (a required purchase through the MSU Bookstore). A professional growth plan will be developed as a result of this experience and is required for recommendation for certification.

Level 1

Course	Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Date Taken
EDGC 661	Measurement Principles and Techniques (or alternative tests and measurements course)	3		
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING				
EDEL 630	Curriculum Construction	3		
EDEL 632	Elementary School Curriculum	3		
EDSE 634	Secondary School Curriculum	3		
EDMG 636	Middle School Curriculum	3		
EDTL 606	Curriculum and Instructional Design	3		
TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED		6		

Level 2

EDIL 671	Introduction to School Leadership Administration	3		
EDIL 677	School Law and Ethics	3		
EDSP 621	Operation of Special Education Programs	3		
EDSP 622	Instructional Leadership in Special Education	3		
EDSP 623	Special Education Program Coordination	3		
EDSP 624	Practicum	6		
TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED		21		

PROGRAM COMPLETION

The student must file for completion at the beginning of their last semester. Forms may be picked up in the Graduate Office.
Students must have at least a 3.0 G.P.A.
NOTE: Upon completion of Level 1 Coursework, student will be eligible for the Provisional Certification for the Director of Special Education Level 1. The candidate is eligible for professional certification for the Director of Special Education at the completion of Level 2 coursework, including the practicum and the portfolio requirements.
The practicum experience, including the professional portfolio and a professional growth plan, is considered the exit exam for the Director of Special Education program.

Student's signature: _____ Date _____

Advisor's signature: _____ Date _____

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