

Special Education

Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate K-8 #260

Added Endorsement Program

Student Name:

UID:

This graduate-level program is approved by the state of Iowa as preparation for:

- Endorsement number 260, K-8 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate Disabilities.
- Available to University of Iowa students in the Elementary Education Bachelor of Arts major as part of an [Undergraduate-to-Graduate \(U2G\) program](#).
- Available to licensed teachers as an added endorsement program.
- Can lead to the degree, Master of Arts, with major in Teaching and Learning (Special Education).

Requirements

- Completing the requirements as part of the Elementary Education U2G TEP:
 - Admission to the Graduate College; and
 - Complete a minimum of 33 semester hours in courses listed below; and
 - Complete any additional requirements for the MA degree (see [General Catalog](#)); and
 - Complete Comprehensive Examinations in the final semester.
- Adding the endorsement as a licensed teacher:
 - Admission to the Added Endorsement program; and
 - Admission to the Graduate College; and
 - Completion of endorsement specific courses.
 - No additional field experience is required.

Special Education Course Requirements

Complete all of the following courses or approved substitutions.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EDTL:3103	Assessment Instructional Planning & Practice	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4900	Foundations of Special Education	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4950	Behavioral and Social Interventions	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4975	Explicit Instruction	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4980	Dyslexia and Reading Difficulties	3 s.h.	
EDTL:4984	Academic Skills for Students with Special Needs	3 s.h.	
EDTL:5967	Supervision Strategies in Special Education	3 s.h.	
EDTL:6906	Practicum with Exceptional Persons	3 s.h.	

Field Experiences

Initial licensure students: student teaching is required.

Students must apply for student teaching one year in advance of the student teaching semester. Visit [Student Teaching](#).

Complete the seminar and two student teaching placements.

Course	Course Title	Credit	Session/Substitute
EDTL: 4187	Elementary Teacher Student Teaching Seminar	3 s.h.	
EDTL: 4190	Supervised Teaching in the Elementary School	6 s.h.	
EDTL: 4922	Supervised Teaching: Elementary Strategist I	6 s.h.	

The course, EDTL:4922 replaces the course EDTL:4191 in Elementary Education major requirements.

Added endorsement students

Licensed teachers adding the endorsement are not required to complete field experiences.

Optional: Complete additional endorsements in Special Education

Additional courses can be taken to complete the following endorsements. Field experiences may be required; discuss the requirements with your special education program advisor.

#263 K-12 Instructional Strategist II: Behavior Disorders/Learning Disabilities (BD/LD)

EDTL:7953 Single Subject Research Design, 3 s.h.

#264 K-12 Instructional Strategist II: Intellectual Disabilities (ID)

CSED:5249 Medical and Psychological Aspects of Disabilities, 3. s.h.

EDTL:4975 Explicit Instruction, 3. s.h.

EDTL:5961 Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis, 3. s.h.

#259 K-12 Instructional Strategist I and II: ALL

CSED:5249 Medical and Psychological Aspects of Disabilities, 3. s.h.

EDTL:4975 Explicit Instruction, 3. s.h.

EDTL:5961 Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis, 3. s.h.

By completing the requirements for endorsements #263 and #264, endorsement #259 is complete.

Additional Information

This Program Guide is for planning and documentation of endorsement requirement completion. Students pursuing degree programs should consult the [General Catalog](#) and degree audit(s) for additional requirements. State requirements for licensure and endorsements are subject to change without notice; check with your advisor or the Office of Education Services for updated requirements. Course transfer and substitution may require syllabi or other documentation in addition to transcript. Revised 6/1/2026 version 4.4.

For additional information, admissions procedures, or advising referral, please contact Office of Student Services, College of Education, N201 Lindquist Center, Iowa City, IA 52242, 319-335-5359, ask-education@uiowa.edu <https://education.uiowa.edu/>