

GOALS AND COURSE TOPICS

For:

Experienced, licensed teachers seeking to learn the instructional assessment and behavior management skills needed to help students with disabilities or special needs reach their full potential.

What you learn:

The mission of Averett University is to prepare students to serve and lead as catalysts for positive change. Averett fulfills this mission by educating students from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and nations through liberal arts-based undergraduate and graduate programs in a personal, collegial, interdisciplinary environment. Graduates of this program will be equipped to assess special needs students and apply appropriate instructional strategies to help them meet educational goals. Students will engage in critical analysis of current research in special education and pursue in-person coached field experiences at local schools.

How you learn:

Online Format: The M.Ed. in Special Education K-12 Endorsement Track is presented online over 18 months in an accelerated, cohort-based format. You'll take classes one at a time in six- to 12-week blocks to allow intense study of each concept. You will have local field experiences embedded in the coursework throughout the program. Students will be required to have Zoom conferences with the university supervisor.

Career Outcomes:

Upon completion of this program, students will have earned an M.Ed. in Special Education and be eligible to add a K-12 Endorsement in the area of Special Education to his/her VA teaching license.

Please Note:

Program and course requirements are subject to change.

In lieu of a thesis, students will complete a Comprehensive Exam by responding online to a set of essay questions over the space of a weekend.

CORE COURSES AND CREDITS

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
ED 518	ORIENTATION TO GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1
ED 501	RESEARCH IN EDUCATION	3
ED 502	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	3
ED 504	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION	3
ED 508	THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT	3
ED 515	INTERNSHIP/SEMINAR IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	6
ED 516	TRANSITION PLANNING AND SERVICES	3
ED 569	CLASSROOM MGMT AND POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS	3
ED 571	CURR AND INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES	3
ED 573	PRACTICUM IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	1
ED 576	COLLABORATION IN GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION	2
ED 579	ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING	3

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 34



Cougar Checklist

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Apply

Your next step on your educational journey starts NOW! Apply to Averett Graduate & Professional Studies [here!](#)

2

Make an Appointment with Our Admissions Team

To get you started on your path to success, please make an appointment with our Admissions team. Our counselors will guide you through the application process. Make an appointment [here!](#)

3

Submit Official Transcripts

Averett GPS will order and pay for all transcripts. All you need to do is fill out the Transcript Request Form. To do so, please go [here](#) and complete Step 1B.

4

Submit Photo of Driver License or Govt Issued ID

To ensure your personal security, please submit a valid photocopy of your Driver License or Government Issued ID to ready2becougar@averett.edu

5

Pay Enrollment Deposit

Submit your \$50 tuition deposit online through our [secure payment center](#). For 'Select a Deposit Type', please choose 'Non-Traditional Enrollment Deposit'.

6

Complete the Financial Agreement Form

This form will let us know how you intend to pay for the program. Please go [here](#) and follow Step 2B to fill out the electronic Financial Agreement Form.

7

Financial Aid Forms

Please fill out the Financial Aid Information form, the Title IV Authorization Form and the FERPA form. To fill out these forms, please go [here](#) and follow Step 3C.

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Make an Appointment with our New Start Coordinator

With all steps completed, please make a [Schedule Review & Preparation for Success](#) and [Welcome Call](#) meeting. During these meetings, you will learn more about your program and Averett GPS.

If you choose to submit paper forms for any of the steps above, documents should be mailed or faxed to:



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