

**La Roche University**  
**PK--12 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDE**  
**DEGREE: Bachelor of Arts Department: Education**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ First Year Student  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Change of Major

\_\_\_\_ Transfer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Readmit

Unofficial Eval Completed by/date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the **unofficial evaluation** of your credits to date including transfer credits (if applicable) in your chosen major. **This evaluation is official when all official transcripts for all previous college work are received; and reviewed and approved for transferability by the Registrar's Office.** Beginning with your first semester of enrollment, your Degree Audit Report in My.LaRoche will automatically track your progress toward your degree, and guide you in planning future class schedules. Review your updated Degree Audit Report with your advisor prior to registering each semester.

**PURPOSE:** A major in Pre K-12 Special Education Certification is meant to prepare students for a career as a highly qualified Special Education teacher in Pennsylvania. To earn state teaching certification, students must meet all of the teaching competencies and certification requirements set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**REQUIREMENTS:** To successfully complete the Special Education Certificate, the following coursework is required:

- 81 credits of Required Coursework
- 37 CORE Credits
- 2 General Elective Credits
- A minimum number of 120 credits are required for degree, the last 30 of which, and 50% of the major must be earned at La Roche University. (Developmental course work does not count toward the minimum number of required credits for graduation.)

**NOTE:** Education majors enter La Roche as a **candidate** for the teaching certification programs. In order to become an **Official Education Major**, students must complete the following requirements by the time they earn 60 **attempted** total credits (including transferable credits).

- Overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Security Clearances within the past six months
  - PA Child Abuse History Clearance
  - PA State Police Criminal Record Check
  - FBI Fingerprinting Check
- Basic Skills Requirement
  - Passing scores for Reading, Writing, and Math exams (could include eligible scores from SAT, ACT, PAPA, and CORE)

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 81 CREDITS**

\*Grade of C or better is required for the following courses

____ MATH2000	Mathematics for Liberal Arts	3	_____
____ PSYC1021	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
____ PSYC2022	Child Development <b>OR</b> PSYC2040 Adolescent Development	3	_____
____ PSYC2061	Educational Psychology	3	_____
____ EDUC1010	Introduction to Education	3	_____
____ EDUC2010	Initial Field Experience	2	_____
____ EDUC2025	Children's Literature	3	_____
____ EDSP2015	Introduction to High Incidence Disabilities	3	_____
____ EDUC2020	Teaching Social Studies	3	_____
____ EDSP2025	Learning Environments & Behavior Management	3	_____
____ EDSP3015	Introduction to Low Incidence Disabilities	3	_____
____ EDUC2000	Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Classroom	3	_____
____ PSYC3152	Applied Behavior Analysis	3	_____

**OFFICIAL MAJOR STATUS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

**\*Grade of B- or better is required for the following courses**

<input type="checkbox"/> EDUC3005	Primary Literacy Methods	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDUC3020	Intermediate Literacy Methods	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDUC3010	Primary Math Methods	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDUC3025	Intermediate Math Methods	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDUC4005	Educational Partnerships & Professionalism	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP3010	Literacy Instruction & Interventions for Diverse Learners	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP3025	Effective Instructional Strategies for Students With Disabilities	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP3040	Evaluation & Assessment	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP3035	Special Education Practicum	2	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP4010	Transition Planning for Secondary Students With Disabilities	2	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP4015	Development of the IEP and Inclusion in Least Restrictive Environment	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP4070	Special Ed Student Teaching & Seminar (PK-12)	6	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> EDSP4070	Special Ed Student Teaching & Seminar (PK-12)	6	_____

**ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM – 37 Credits**

		<u>Credits</u>	<u>Transfer Course # / Comments</u>
<b><u>Foundations of Knowledge: 15 credits</u></b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL1011	Reading and Writing	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL1012	Academic Writing and Information Literacy	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ISTC1010	Digital Literacy	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH1001	Oral Communication	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH1010	College Algebra	3	_____

**La Roche Experience: 4 credits**

<input type="checkbox"/> LRUX1001	LRX Foundations	1	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> LRUX2500	Investigating Social Problems	3	_____

**Breadth of Knowledge: 12 credits**

Courses in a variety of disciplines can fulfill these requirements. Students should use the course search in the My.LaRoche schedule of classes to find courses that fulfill each area. Students must complete **PLEASE NOTE: Students are exempt from one area, based on their major.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Natural and Physical World	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Expression	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Values and Ethics	3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences	3	<u>Fulfilled in Major</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Global Perspectives	3	_____

**Depth of Knowledge: 3 credits**

<input type="checkbox"/> INQU	Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3	_____
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**Core Electives: 3 credits**

<input type="checkbox"/> Any Breath of Knowledge Area Course –OR– One additional Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3	_____
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**GENERAL ELECTIVES: 2 credits**

Can be fulfilled using any course selections inside or outside of Education.

**Course # Credits**

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<b>FOR REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>COMMENTS:</u>
Major Component	81	_____	_____	_____
CORE	37	_____	_____	_____
General Electives	2	_____	_____	_____
Accepted in Transfer	_____	_____	_____	_____
La Roche University Credit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	120	_____	_____	_____

*Registrar Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_