



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 OR	3	_____
	PSYC2040 Adolescent Development		
_____ 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**

_____	EDUC3005	Primary Literacy Methods	3	_____
_____	EDUC3020	Intermediate Literacy Methods	3	_____
_____	EDUC3010	Primary Math Methods	3	_____
_____	EDUC3025	Intermediate Math Methods	3	_____
_____	EDUC4005	Educational Partnerships & Professionalism	3	_____
_____	EDSP3010	Literacy Instruction & Interventions for Diverse Learners	3	_____
_____	EDSP3025	Effective Instructional Strategies for Students With Disabilities	3	_____
_____	EDSP3040	Evaluation & Assessment	3	_____
_____	EDSP3035	Special Education Practicum	2	_____
_____	EDSP4010	Transition Planning for Secondary Students With Disabilities	2	_____
_____	EDSP4015	Development of the IEP and Inclusion in Least Restrictive Environment	3	_____
_____	EDSP4070	Special Ed Student Teaching & Seminar (PK-12)	6	_____
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ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM – 37 Credits

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

La Roche Experience: 4 credits

_____	LRUX1001	LRX Foundations	1	_____
_____	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.**

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

Depth of Knowledge: 3 credits

_____	INQU	Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3	_____
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Core Electives: 3 credits

_____	Any Breadth of Knowledge Area Course –OR–	3	_____
_____	One additional Interdisciplinary Inquiry		

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 2 credits

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

Course # Credits

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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FOR REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

	<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 _____