The purpose of the program of studies in Gifted Education is to prepare educators who skillfully contribute to the common good of society through competence in teaching and educational leadership in gifted education. All children are entitled to educators who are knowledgeable, enlightened, and competent, including our advanced and gifted learners. Only competent and knowledgeable educators can provide the necessary environment for the realization of the unique potentials of pre-K-grade 12 gifted students in all areas of academic, artistic, creative, and intellectual endeavors. Without educational leaders, counselors, teachers, specialists, and all other support personnel gifted learners do not reach their full potentials nor does the greater global society.

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Every university submits a different four course sequence to the State Department of Education for approval. You must seek approval to transfer credit from one university endorsement program to another.

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**Required Courses**

The Nature & Needs of Gifted Learners (EXED 560) - Fall

Instructional Methods in Gifted Education (EXED 565) - Spring

Curriculum Design in Gifted Education (EXED 660) - Summer

Trends and Issues in Gifted Education (EXED 665) - Summer

Practicum in Gifted Education (EXED 570) - Fall or Spring

*The practicum is a demonstration of successful teaching experience with gifted students whether in a heterogenous setting or homogeneously grouped setting. This may be accomplished through an initial student teaching experience for undergraduates. A history of successful, full-time teaching with gifted students may be accepted in lieu of the practicum.*

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