

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Early Childhood Education 212 Educating Children with Exceptionalities
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Turnbull and Turnbull. *Exceptional Lives: Special Education in Today's Schools*. 8th ed. New York: Pearson, 2016
- D. Prerequisites: None

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The student will become familiar with IDEA and the different disability categories. The student will become knowledgeable of the spectrum of services and early interventions to qualifying children.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES (CDA4-5 hours, CDA5-15 hours, CDA8-25 hours)

- A. Understand the philosophical, historical and legal foundations of special education
- B. Be proficient in the characteristics of individuals with special needs
- C. Define IFSP, IEP, least restrictive environment and family-centered services
- D. Understand the development and risks during prenatal, natal and postnatal stages, both environmental and genetic
- E. Understand the process of assessment, diagnosis and evaluation in special education for children ages 0-2 years old and 3-12 years old
- F. Be able to articulate the rights and responsibilities parents and families
- G. Identify the characteristics of effective family-centered services for infants and toddlers
- H. Identify the characteristics of effective preschool and school age intervention programs
- I. Understand how to develop and maintain collaborative relationships both with colleagues, families and children

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Foundations for understanding special education
- B. Educational needs and rights of students with special needs
- C. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and implications
- D. Characteristics and facts of each IDEA category
- E. Developing one's own personal view of special education

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes
- E. Projects