

# ACT Advising Guide

## Special Education General Curriculum (K-12) Track I

### General Education and Special Education Professional Courses

**Praxis I and VCLA must be passed to begin the General and Special Education Professional Courses**

- INST 202 – School and Society (Foundations of Education)
- INST 303 - Applied Tech. for Innovative Teaching (> 378)
- EDUC 225 – Characteristics of the Learner
- EDUC 320 - Teaching of Reading and Language Art
- EDUC 321 – Diagnostic Teaching of Reading (after 320)
- EDUC 366 – Classroom Management and Teaching Strategies
- EDUC 367 – Classroom Management Practicum
- EDUC 329 – Curriculum and Instruction PreK-6
- EDUC 330 – Curriculum and Instruction Practicum
- SPED 371 – Foundations/Legal Issues in Special Education
- SPED 376 – Assessment and Management of Instruction
- SPED 377 – Assessment and Management of Inst. Practicum
- SPED 382 – Collaboration and Transition in Special Education
- SPED 382 – Collaboration and Transition Practicum
- SPED 465 - Special Education Pre-service Teaching I: K-5
- SPED 466 - Special Education Pre-service Teaching II: 6-12
  
- EDUC 335 – Teaching Math and Science in Schools (Recommended)

### Requirements (VDOE and VWC)

**Praxis I and VCLA** (Virginia Communications and Literacy Assessment) required for initial entry

**Praxis II – During First EDUC Semester (Elementary Ed)**  
Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA)  
Child Abuse Training

**Transcript Evaluation Required** by Education Department to determine course(s) needed to complete program.

**Elementary Education PreK-6 Requirements: In conjunction with State requirements and Praxis II demands.**

#### English

**12 semester hours**

Praxis I test score of **176** on writing will waive **3 credits**

Literature – Must have **LIT** classification  
Composition  
Oral communication (speech-communications-work experience)  
English Elective

#### Mathematics (Statistics-Algebra-Geometry-Upper CS)

**12 semester hours**

Praxis I test score of **178** on math section will waive **6 credits**

#### Science (Biology-Geology-Chemistry-Physics-Earth-Physical)

**12 semester hours**

one lab course required

#### History

**9 semester hours**

American History; World History; History elective

#### Social Science

**6 semester hours**

Geography; Economics

#### Arts and Humanities

**6 semester hours**

Art – Music – Philosophy – Psychology- Communication- Theater-Foreign Language-Art History