SPE 100 Introduction to Special Education 3 Credits
Presents the definitions, causes, psychological and behavioral characteristics of disabilities outlined in the IDEA. Emphasizes assessment procedures, multicultural issues, family involvement and the referral process.

SPE 291 Nature and Needs of CH Students with Learning Disabilities 3 Credits
Describes the effect of mild disabilities on childhood. Focuses on collaborative strategies for parental involvement. Highlights the CSE process, placement options and instructional strategies in grades one to six. Requires 20 hours field placement.
Prerequisite: SPE 100. Corequisite: SPE 292.

SPE 292 Remedial Strategies in the Childhood Content Areas 3 Credits
Describes appropriate techniques and materials for instruction to students with disabilities and those at risk of failure. Emphasizes assistive technology for students in childhood classrooms across the curriculum.
Prerequisite: SPE 100. Corequisite: SPE 291.

SPE 311 Nature/Needs of Childhood Students with Intellectual Disabilities & Autism Spectrum Disorders 3 Credits
Describes effects of MR and other developmental disabilities on childhood. Focuses on collaborative strategies for parental involvement. Highlights instructional strategies for grades 1-6 across the continuum of services. Requires 20 hours field placement.

SPE 312 Multidisciplinary Assessment and Childhood Teaching 3 Credits
Emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to meet the assessment and learning needs of childhood students with disabilities. Explores assessment and evaluation using the New York State Standards for Severe Disabilities and the Alternative Performance Indicators.

SPE 330 Nature/Needs of Childhood Students with Behavioral Disorders 3 Credits
Describes the effect of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders on children and their families. Highlights NYSED Regulations, collaboration and instructional strategies to address academic and behavioral issues. Requires 20 hours of field placement.
Prerequisite: SPE 311 & SPE 312. Corequisite: SPE 335.

SPE 335 Classroom Management in Childhood Classrooms 3 Credits
Discusses implications of behavior management and importance of a proactive approach to prevent behavior problems. Emphasizes appropriate classroom structure, and individual and group contingencies to support children with E/BD in grades 1-6.

SPE 341 Inclusive Strategies 3 Credits
Highlights best practices in general education for students with disabilities. Illustrates current developments in special education. Emphasizes collaboration.
Fulfills College Core: Diversity

SPE 432 Seminar in Teaching and Assessment 3 Credits
Includes practica and seminars that focus on professional reflection and topics related to classroom management, increasing family involvement, teaching to higher standards and assessment at the special education-childhood level. Requires 50 hours of field placement.
Fulfills College Core: Oral Communication

SPE 493 Supervised Student Teaching 12 Credits
Highlights knowledge, skills and dispositions of professional educators.
One full-time 7-week placement in each childhood and special education-childhood classroom requires candidates to become the instructional reader under the supervision of cooperating teachers and college faculty.
Prerequisite: signature, minimum GPA of 2.70, minimum grade of C in each required education course, some schools may require certain health tests.
Corequisite: EDU 494, EDU 497, & ECCH 494.

SPE 495 Advanced Research Seminar in Autism 1-6 Credits
Advanced Research Seminar in Autism provides students with advanced clinical and research training in autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The course consists of two distinct but interrelated components including (1) classroom instruction and applied training in evidence-based treatment for children with ASD and (2) hands-on research experience during studies being conducted. Students will learn about ASD and evidence-based treatments, and participate in various studies involving high-functioning youth with ASD. Students also serve as a member of a professional research team.

SPE 499 Independent Study 3 Credits
Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.