



MAJOR CHOSEN: SPECIAL EDUCATION

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Special Education (K-12th grade) major provides initial preparation in teaching students with mild to moderate disabilities in general and special education settings, including resource classrooms. Program course work focuses on foundations and legal aspects of the profession, characteristics, learning/language differences and identification of mildly-moderately disabled learners (primarily attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, emotional disabilities, learning disabilities and mental disabilities), procedures for special education planning, teaching strategies, assessment, behavior management in learning environments, professional and ethical practices, and collaboration.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will find especially profitable:

Introduction to Exceptional Learners In this class you will study the history of and current trends in special education. The exceptionalities of mental retardation, learning disabilities, physical impairments, speech problems, hearing and visual impairments, and giftedness are discussed.

Characteristics of Learning Disabilities In this elective class, you will study the characteristics and causes of learning disabled students, with emphasis on various definitions of learning disabilities, delineation of specific learning disabilities, and appropriate procedures for the identification and classification of students.

Directed Teaching Here you will have a chance to "try your wings" by teaching under the supervision of an experienced teacher. You will begin gradually and work into handling a teacher's normal load.

Materials and Methods: Mild Disabilities You will develop skills in the diagnosis and remediation of academic, behavioral and social skills in mildly disabled learners. Special emphasis will be given to understanding the essential elements of teaching, basic scope and sequence of academic skills, instructional accommodations and evidence-based strategies in special education at the elementary and secondary levels.



Behavior Management In this class you will learn concepts and strategies of behavior management in special education settings for mildly-moderately disabled students. Both behavioral and affective approaches are presented with discussions and readings focusing on basic behavioral principles, preventative techniques, behavior enhancement and reduction techniques, and use of rewards and punishment.

III. A TYPICAL YEARLY COURSE SEQUENCE

This is a suggested program of study for you. Other refinements to your program can be made when you consult your faculty advisor at the time of your enrollment.

You will notice that some courses are listed as electives. These electives give you the opportunity to tailor your program by selecting courses you would like to take for your own personal enjoyment.

Freshman

Orientation	1	Orientation	1
Biological Science	4	Physical Science	4
History of Civilization	3	Computer Applications I	3
Old Testament Messages	1	History of Civilization	3
Fundamentals of Speech	3	New Testament Messages	1
Introduction to Education	2	Appreciation of Art	2
English Composition.....	<u>3</u>	English Composition.....	<u>3</u>
Total	17	Total	17

Sophomore

Mathematics for Teachers	3	Mathematics for Teachers	3
Classroom Communication	2	Teaching Reading.....	3
Introduction to Exceptional Learners.....	3	Educational Procedures: Mild Disabilities	3
Educational Psychology.....	3	Practicum I: Multi-categorical	1
English Literature.....	3	Characteristics: Emotional Disabilities	3
Sophomore Bible Elective.....	<u>1</u>	Sophomore Bible Elective	1
Total	15	Minor or Electives	<u>3</u>
		Total	17

Junior

Bible Doctrines	3	Christian Family Forum	1
Materials & Methods: Mild Disabilities.....	3	Bible Doctrines.....	3
Practicum II: Multi-categorical	1	Instructional Technology.....	3
Assessment in Special Education.....	3	Practicum III: Multi-categorical.....	1
Characteristics: Learning Disabilities	3	Characteristics: Mental Disabilities.....	3
Teaching Math: Mild Disabilities	<u>3</u>	Behavior Management	3
Total	16	Teaching Techniques (5-12).....	<u>1</u>
		Total	15

Senior

Appreciation of Music	2	Trends & Issues in Society	3
Diagnostic & Prescriptive Reading	3	Teaching Bible Principles	2
Child Psychology	3	Directed Teaching: Special Education	<u>9</u>
Social Studies Elective	3	Total	14
Upper-Level Bible Elective	2		
Minor or Electives.....	<u>3</u>		
Total	16		



IV. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

You will have opportunities to work with disabled students first-hand. Teacher candidates may work with Greenville's Special Olympics, a year-round program for students with multiple disabilities. Hidden Treasure, a nearby Christian school especially for students with moderate—severe disabilities, offers teacher candidates a chance to work with disabled students. Camp Spearhead, a summer day and residential camp for students with mental disabilities, holds recreational programs on the weekend.

The Association of Christian Teachers is an integral part of the School of Education. Films, programs, and activities are correlated very closely to the emphasis of the individual classes. This organization will provide you with opportunities for leadership and training and professional contact. Each of the 12 professional education departments elects representatives to serve as officers. Prospective teachers are urged to become members of the A.C.T. The A.C.T. awards a medal annually to the best elementary student teacher and the best secondary student teacher. By doing your best while you are a student here, you might be able to win this award.

The Media Center is the technology resource center for the School of Education. Here you will find equipment to help you prepare teaching materials for presentations and to help you integrate technology into your lessons. Its trained staff will assist you as you learn how to operate both the software and equipment, including copiers, scanners, computers, digital cameras and camcorders, data projectors, a laminator, a document binding machine, digital audio-video editing and graphic software, and its newest acquisition—the Promethean interactive white board. In addition, the Media Center houses copies of the BJU Press materials, which are used regularly in the methods classes.

Completely equipped computer laboratories are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

You will have the opportunity to observe experienced Christian teachers right on our campus in the beautiful buildings of Bob Jones Beginnings Center (kindergarten and first grade), Elementary School, Junior High, and Academy, as well as dedicated, professional special educators in local public schools.

The School of Education also maintains a Learning Resource Center that provides assistance to university students with documented disabilities. Staffed by members of the School of Education special education faculty and undergraduate and graduate special education students, the LRC not only meets many of the needs of students with disabilities, it also provides practical experience for special education teacher candidates.

Because of our care and concern for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people in our part of the country, students are encouraged to be involved in outreach ministries in our area. While you are here you will have the opportunity to participate in as many of these ministries as you can fit into your schedule. These opportunities vary from work in nursing homes, jails, detention centers, and churches, to visitation, Bible clubs, providing special music, and martial arts teams.

Davis Field House, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.



The Mack Library covers 89, 000 square feet of floor space and has seating for over 1,300 students. It provides you with 318, 000 items, including 17,000 music recordings, 70 electronic databases through the library website, and over 1,100 current periodical titles. In addition, the library participates in the statewide PASCAL Delivers program, allowing students to check out books from a statewide catalog of over nine million books. An interlibrary loan program for out of state borrowing is available through OCLC, a national database for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of a room in London's Westminster Abby in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and the history of Bob Jones University.

Chapel is a central feature of Bob Jones University. This 35-minute service is held every morning, Monday through Thursday. These services are a source of great inspiration to students. Four days a week the Chapel message is brought by the President or by selected speakers. Each Friday the Chapel period is devoted to the meetings of various literary societies.

If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and most sidewalks are covered to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Campus Store in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

You will find the finest Christian young people in the country are your fellow students, and without trying too hard, you may end up making a life-long friend!

V. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. Joe Sutton is chairman of the division of special education. He has received several large grants for his work in the field of special education, and has published numerous articles on special education and Christian education in various professional education journals. Dr. Sutton holds memberships in the *Council for Exceptional Children*, the *Division for Learning Disabilities of CEC*, the *Council for Educational Diagnostic Services of CEC*, the *Teacher Education Division of CEC*, and *Phi Delta Kappa*. He has been a featured speaker at conferences for special educators and home educators all across the United States.

Mrs. Connie Sutton is a specialist in the fields of emotional disturbance and learning disability. She is experienced in classroom work with special education students. Mrs. Sutton has also served as an Educational Specialist in the North Carolina public school system. Her experience includes work in Christian and secular schools.

Mrs. Marlene Reed has a wealth of teaching experience in both private Christian and public schools. Her tenure in the military as a behavior intervention specialist, and her years as a K-12 special educator have equipped her well for preparing teacher candidates in special education at BJU.



VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

You will have many opportunities of service and ministry to choose from as you look for a place to teach. We receive over three times as many requests for teachers as we have teachers to fill those requests. And, in the future, the number of teaching opportunities will increase as we, as a nation, face a national teacher shortage, particularly in special education. You will be qualified to help meet this need and train young people both in the states and abroad.

The Career Development and Placement Office helps students by holding seminars on resume preparation and interview techniques.

The Christian School Recruitment Conference is sponsored by the Career Development and Placement Office each February. Approximately 140 administrators and principals from many states and some foreign countries gather to interview and hire new teachers for their schools. This conference will give you many opportunities to find a place of service after you graduate. In addition, the Career Office maintains a file of miscellaneous information about various Christian schools across the country. This file, too, may provide you with a contact that could lead to many years of active service for the Lord.

VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America. And to help you see how affordable "the Opportunity Place" can be for you, we have enclosed a financial aid brochure that you can use to evaluate your own situation. Your Admissions Counselor or the Financial Aid Counselor would be happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions.

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP . . .

If you can see yourself in the career described in the profile, then a great opportunity awaits you at Bob Jones University. It is the opportunity for the premier Christian college experience in all the world. It is the opportunity for learning, for fun, and for developing new friendships. It is the opportunity to prepare for a lifetime of service for the Lord . . .

The Opportunity Place . . . God's Special Place for You.