



**CURRICULUM CONTRACT**  
**Professional Certificate for Director of Special Education**  
**Director of Special Education Level I Certification Only (WKU# 131 EPSB# 11)**

**This program does not lead to a degree.**

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Specific degree and certification requirements with advisement sheets attached.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY --- CURRICULUM CONTRACT**

<b>Professional Certificate for Director of Special Education</b>	
<b>Level I</b>	<b>30 hrs</b>
<b>(eligible for Rank I upon completion, KDS1 after passing SLLA)</b>	
EDAD 602 Introduction to School Leadership	3
EDAD 603 School Law and Policy	3
EDAD 604 Creating a Culture of Achievement	3
Select one of the following:	
EDAD 605 Leading a Community of Learners	3
SPED 532 Families, Professionals, and Exceptionalities	3
EDAD 606 Leading Learning Systems	3
EDAD 610 Clinical Experiences in the Principalship	3
EDAD 686 Principles of Supervision	3
SPED 518 Seminar: Contemporary Challenges in Special Education	3
SPED 625 Practicum in the Administration of Special Education	3
SPED 630 Special Education Law and Finance	3

**Delineation of Program Transition Points –  
Director of Special Education Level I**

<b>Transition 1: Admission to Program</b>			
<b>Data Reviewed</b>	<b>Minimal Criteria for Admission</b>	<b>Review Cycle</b>	<b>Reviewed by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission Application</li> <li>• Transcript Record</li> <li>• GPA</li> <li>• Degrees</li> <li>• Teaching Certificate in Special Education or School Psychologist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed admission application including the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ KY Code of Ethics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Master’s Degree or Rank 2</li> <li>• Professional teaching certificate in Special Education or School Psychologist</li> <li>• Three years teaching experience</li> <li>• 3.0 or higher GPA</li> </ul>	Fall, Spring, and Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Studies and Research</li> <li>• Department Faculty</li> </ul>
<b>Transition 2: Midpoint Formative Assessments</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key assessments for 602, 603, 604, and 605</li> <li>• GPA</li> <li>• Dispositions</li> <li>• Clinical Experiences</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.0+ GPA</li> <li>• Satisfactory performance toward PSEL standards</li> <li>• All dispositions averaged “At Standard” or above</li> <li>• All key assessments scored at 3 or above</li> <li>• 3.0+/PASS for clinical experiences</li> <li>• 3.0+/PASS for all required courses</li> </ul>	Each semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department faculty</li> <li>• Office of Professional Educator Services</li> </ul>
<b>Transition 3: Program Completion</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA</li> <li>• Dispositions Scores</li> <li>• Key Assessment Scores</li> <li>• Clinical Experiences</li> <li>• Transcript</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.0+ GPA</li> <li>• Satisfactory performance toward PSEL standards</li> <li>• All dispositions averaged “At Standard” or above</li> <li>• All Key Assessments scored at 3 or above</li> <li>• 3.0+/PASS for clinical experiences</li> <li>• 3.0+/PASS for all required courses</li> </ul>	Each semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department faculty</li> <li>• Office of Professional Educator Services</li> </ul>

**Recommendation for Certification:**

- Candidates must complete all Level I program requirements and pass the appropriate SLLA exam to be recommended for Level 1 Certification (KDS1).

**EPSB Disclaimer:** Certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [www.epsb.ky.gov](http://www.epsb.ky.gov) for current requirements or contact the EPSB at 502-564-4606 or toll free 888-598-7667.

By signing below, the candidate ensures that he or she has been advised of, understands, and agrees to adhere to all program requirements, including assessment requirements, of the program.

**Candidate Name (printed):**

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**Education Advisor’s Signature/Date:**

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Signature Date

**Candidate Signature/Date:**

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Signature Date

**Specialization Advisor’s Signature/Date  
(if needed):**

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Signature Date

**\*\*END OF CURRICULUM CONTRACT\*\***