

MAED Checklist: K-12 Special Education – Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education

30 Total Semester Hours
Western Carolina University

NOTE: All courses in this program may have some level of field or clinical experience that requires additional time beyond class meetings and assignments. Consider time for field experiences when planning your schedule.

All courses are 3 credit hours.

Professional Core (12 hours)

EDCI 609	Assessment of Instruction
EDCI 610	Research Methods in Education
EDCI 616	Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership
SPED 620	Education in a Diverse Society
-OR-	
SPED 640	Universal Design for Learning

Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education Content Requirement (15 hours)

SPED 500	Creative Thinking and Problem Solving*
SPED 571	Foundations of Gifted and Creative Education
SPED 575	Methods and Models of Gifted and Creative Education
SPED 684	Social and Emotional Issues of Exceptional Learners
EDCI 646	Technology and Personalized Learning Environments

***SPED 500 requires a week-long practicum on WCU's Cullowhee Campus.**

Methods Electives Requirement – Choose ONE (3 hours)

Electives (Choose One)	Choose one (1) from:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENT 601 (Entrepreneurial Innovation)• SPED 577 (Curriculum Differentiation for Gifted and Creative Learners)• SPED 593 (Topics in Special Education)• SPED 633 (Collaboration with Families and Professionals)• SPED 635 (Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders)• SPED 636 (Evidence-Based Mthds for Teach. Stdnts with Autism Spectrum Disorders)• Research Cognate (email advisor for options)

Other Requirements:

- Apply for graduation
 - In October for following Spring graduation; in March for following Summer or Fall graduation
- Apply for NC advanced degree licensure
 - Licensure specialist: 828.227.3431; licensure website: teacherlicensure.wcu.edu

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Additional Information

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Maintaining a 3.0 GPA

Students are required to maintain a WCU GPA of 3.0 or higher in the special education graduate program. A graduate student who accumulates three grades of C, or any grade of F, will be dismissed from the Graduate School. Students in the program must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be recommended for licensure by WCU.

Licensure

Successful completion of the MAED: Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education leads to recommendation for an NC advanced degree license in K-12 Academically Gifted (88087). Candidates must first have an initial or continuing license in any area before they may be recommended for an advanced degree license. Candidates will be eligible to apply for the advanced degree license upon successful completion of this program.

Financial Aid Opportunities

- [Tuition and Funding](#) | [FELS – Forgivable Education Loans for Service](#) | WCU is a [TEACH grant](#) partner
- For more financial aid opportunities, please visit:
 - [WCU Financial Aid website](#) | [WCU scholarships information website](#) | scholarcat.wcu.edu

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