

## **Special Education License-Only Practicum Information (ESSPED 8189)**

### **When do students complete the practicum?**

Students should complete the practicum after all coursework for the licensure-only program is successfully completed. With faculty approval, students may take one additional course along with the practicum.

### **How do students schedule the practicum?**

Students will need to complete an application for the practicum one semester prior to the semester they plan to complete the practicum. That is, if the student wants to complete the practicum during spring semester then he/she will need to submit the application by the second week of autumn semester. This will allow faculty time to review the application and identify a faculty to supervise the student.

### **What is all involved in a practicum (how many hours a week, can it be spread out over two semesters, are there assignments?)**

Students will be placed in classrooms that include children with the exceptionality for which the student is seeking a teaching license or endorsement. Supervising faculty, in consultation with the student, determines the actual responsibilities for the practicum. The responsibilities typically include the student implementing a behavior change project designed to improve the academic and/or social behavior of children with exceptionalities.

### **Who needs to approve the practicum?**

The Special Education faculty will need to approve the practicum.

### **Do all courses have to be completed prior to completing the practicum?**

Yes, it is highly recommended that all courses be completed prior to completing the practicum

### **Can students take another class during the semester of the practicum?**

Students may be allowed to take one additional course along with the practicum but only with faculty approval.

### **Is the practicum a graded course?**

Yes, this practicum is graded using a letter grade.

### **Are there deadlines to apply for the practicum?**

The deadline is the second Friday of the semester of the semester before the student plans to take the practicum. That is, if the student wants to take the practicum during spring semester then he/she will need to submit the application by the second week of autumn semester.