



Curriculum and Instruction

LBS1 Endorsement in One Year – All Online!

Join this continuous cycle of classes at any point!

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers courses that allow professionals with a valid Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) to add the **Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS1) Endorsement** within one year.

These 3 courses, plus successful passing of the LBS I (155) test, are required for the LBS I Endorsement*:

- 1) SPED 551 Characteristics of Learners with Disabilities
- 2) SPED 552 Instructional Methods for K-6 Learners with Disabilities, **OR**
SPED 553 Instructional Methods for 6-12 Secondary Learners with Disabilities
- 3) SPED 515 Diagnostic Assessment for Individuals with Exceptionalities

**An Exceptional Child (Exceptional Learner) course must also be present on your transcripts to obtain LBS I licensure; most certified teaching professionals will have taken this course as undergraduate in their teaching program.*

Course Descriptions:

SPED 551: The unique characteristics of a wide variety of learners with mild and moderate disabilities will be examined, along with their broad educational, behavioral, and emotional needs as related to educational programming.

SPED 552: Effective teaching methodologies, instructional adaptations, and program delivery options for students with mild/moderate disabilities, K-6 are mastered.

SPED 553: Effective teaching methodologies, instructional adaptations, and program delivery options for students with mild/moderate disabilities, 7-12 are mastered.

SPED 515: Measurement concepts, progress monitoring, norm-referenced and diagnostic assessment will align instruction for individual needs of diverse learners. Course content will be differentiated to address specific student disabilities and differentiated for multiple education careers (teacher, administrator, counselor).

These courses will develop essential knowledge and skills related to instructional strategies and behavior management for the diverse population educators now serve, and provide general education teachers with the flexibility of teaching in special education settings when needed as qualified teachers. They do not have to be taken in any order.

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