***Western Carolina University***

**MAED Checklist:** **Special Education (Gifted, Creative,**

**and Innovative Education emphasis)**

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| **Course** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| **Professional Core (12 semester hours)**EDCI 609 Assessment of Instruction (3) (fall, spring))SPED 620 Education in a Diverse Society (3) (fall, spring)EDRS 602 Methods of Research (3) (fall, spring) EDCI 616 Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership in a Diverse Society (3) (fall, spring, summer) |  |  |
| **Gifted, Creative, Innovative Education Emphasis (9 semester** **hours)**SPED 571 Foundations of Gifted and Creative Education (3) (fall)ENT 601 Entrepreneurial Innovation (3) (spring short class)SPED 684 Social and Emotional Issues of Exceptional Learners (3) (spring) |  |  |
| **Methods in Gifted and Creative Education: (9 semester hours)**SPED 500 Creative Thinking and Problem Solving (3) (summer)SPED 575 Methods and Models of Gifted and Creative Education (3) (spring)SPED 577 Curriculum Differentiation for Gifted and Creative Learners (3) (summer) |  |  |
| ***Other Requirements:*** **Advanced Licensure Portfolio****Apply for Graduation****Apply for Advanced Licensure**  |  |  |
| **Total Semester Hours = 30** |  |  |

**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. A student who has been admitted provisionally and fails to meet the terms of the provisional admission will also be dismissed from the Graduate School. Students in the program must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher to be recommended for licensure by WCU.

**Electronic Portfolio and Advanced Degree Licensure**

WCU’s teacher education programs use electronic evidences to provide tangible evidence that the candidate has met each of the advanced competencies required for the degree and advanced licensure. The evidences are housed in an electronic portfolio system. The portfolio is not a collection of everything the candidate has done in the master’s program; it is a carefully selected, organized set of entries demonstrating achievement of each of the standards. Candidates with current National Board Certification have demonstrated advanced competencies and are exempt from the required portfolio. Information on this electronic portfolio can be found at <http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/>. All students in the MAED program are required to be enrolled in and maintain a current subscription to the electronic portfolio. **Subscription fees are required with electronic portfolio.** The Advanced Licensure Portfolio is due in the electronic portfolio during the last semester of the MAED program (March 15 or October 15). Faculty members from the Gifted Education program will review and assess your portfolio.

**Apply for Graduation**

Applyby October for the following spring graduation and by March for the following summer or fall graduation.

**Apply for Advanced Licensure**

At the end of your program apply for advanced licensure at <http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu>

**Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities**

* The Sharon Dole Endowed Scholarship is specifically for graduate students enrolled in the special education program with a concentration in Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education.
* See <http://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/CEAP/ceap-current-students/ceap-scholarships/> for a complete listing of College of Education and Allied Professions scholarships.
* Information on funding sources for graduate students can be found at <http://www.wcu.edu/apply/graduate-school/tuition-and-funding/index.aspx>
* [***Invest in Teachers Scholarship Program***](http://www.wcu.edu/apply/graduate-school/tuition-and-funding/index.aspx) is for new students in graduate level licensure or degree programs.
* For more financial aid and scholarship opportunities, visit the WCU Financial Aid website, <http://finaid.wcu.edu>

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