

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

Effective Spring 2018, 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. Also required:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subscribe to the electronic portfolio (<i>requires subscription fee</i>) - <a href="http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/">http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/</a></li> </ul>		
Required Core (12 hours):	Term	Grade
EDCI 609   Assessment of Instruction*		
EDCI 616   Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership*		
EDRS 602   Methods of Research*		
SPED 620   Education in a Diverse Society*		
-OR- SPED 640   Universal Design for Learning*		
-OR- SPED 593   Using Technology to Personalize Instruction*		
Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education Emphasis (12 hours):	Term	Grade
SPED 500   Creative Thinking and Problem Solving**		
SPED 571   Foundations of Gifted and Creative Education: Entrepreneurial Innovation*		
SPED 575   Methods and Models of Gifted and Creative Education*		
SPED 684   Social and Emotional Issues of Exceptional Learners*		
Guided Electives – Choose TWO (6 hours):	Term	Grade
SPED 593   Using Technology to Personalize Instruction* ( <i>preferred, if not already taken for Required Core SPED 620/640</i> )		
SPED 577   Curriculum Differentiation for Gifted and Creative Learners*		
ENT 601   Entrepreneurial Innovation*		
<b>**SPED 500 requires a week-long practicum on WCU’s Cullowhee Campus.</b>		
Other Requirements:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete electronic portfolios (<a href="http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/">http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/</a>)</li> <li>Apply for graduation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In October for following Spring graduation; in March for following Summer or Fall graduation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Apply for NC advanced degree licensure                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensure specialist: 828.227.3431; licensure website: <a href="http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu">http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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## Additional Information

### **MAED K-12 Special Education: Gifted, Creative, and Innovative Education**

#### **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.

#### **MAED Advanced Licensure Portfolio**

WCU's Advanced Licensure portfolio is an organized set of documents and artifacts illustrating the graduate teacher candidate's growth as a self-directed, reflective practitioner. The MAED programs use the Advanced Licensure Portfolio to provide evidence that the candidate has addressed each of the Professional Education Core Themes of the graduate Comprehensive Education program. The core themes are: assessment, differentiation/diversity, leadership, and research. The portfolio also acknowledges the North Carolina Standards for Graduate Teacher Candidates' advanced competencies required for licensure.

The Advanced Licensure Portfolio is due in the electronic portfolio system during the last semester of the MAED program (March 15 or October 15). All students in MAED programs are required to be enrolled in, and maintain a current subscription to, the electronic portfolio.

**Subscription fees are required for the electronic portfolio.** Faculty members from the Special Education program will review and assess your portfolio. For more information, visit <http://edportfolio.wcu.edu/>.

#### **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](http://scholarcat.wcu.edu)

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