Special Education (PK-8) and Early Childhood Education (PK-4) Dual Certification Program Internal Application Process (Effective Spring 2014)

The Department of Exceptionality Programs is offering students the opportunity to pursue teacher certification in special education and early childhood education. Due to the rigorous nature of this Dual Certification Program the number of students accepted into this program is limited and therefore acceptance into the program is competitive. To apply, students should have between 15-54 credits and must have a Bloomsburg University GPA of 3.0 (or higher). In addition, the student applicant must submit a copy of current qualifying scores on the PAPA as well as a 1000 - 1500 word processed essay on why s/he desires admission into the Dual Certification Program. An interview may also be required as a part of the application process contingent upon review of all applicant materials. Students with more than 48 credits will need (with rare exception) a completed teacher education packet from the Department of Exceptionality Programs at the time of acceptance. The Department Chairperson along with other relevant faculty (as warranted) will review applications and notify students of their status in a timely manner.

It is important for students to realize that the Dual Certification Program requires additional course work. The Dual Certification Program course requirements may differ as a result of a student’s previous course work before declaring the Dual Certification major. For more information about the Dual Certification Program, please contact Dr. Darlene Perner (Department Chair). A copy of the Dual Certification Program Course Requirements can be found at http://www.bloomu.edu/special_education/undergrad.

All applications must be submitted to:
Department of Exceptionality Programs
Navy Hall 103
Bloomsburg University

By October 1 for the Fall Semester
and March 1 for the Spring Semester

Applications submitted after these dates will not be considered for the current cycle but may be held for consideration during the following semester.
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Date of Application: ______________________

Name: ______________________________________           BU ID# ____________

Local Address: _______________________________________________________

               Street                                  Town

Home Address: _______________________________________________________

               Street                                  City        State        Zip

Cell/Local Phone #: __________________        Home Phone #: ________________

BU E-mail: _______________________________________________________

Current Major: ____________________________________________________

Minor/Concentration: ______________________________________________

Current GPA: ________       # of Credit Hours Completed: _____________

Projected Graduation Date: _____________________________

Current Academic Advisor: _________________________________________

Required Documents:

- Please attach a hard copy of your qualifying scores on the PAPA to this application.

- Briefly describe experiences you have had (to date) with children, adolescents and/or adults with disabilities as well as your rationale for seeking admission into this program of study. (Please limit your word processed response to between 1000 - 1500 words on a separate piece of paper and attach to this application.)

Please return your completed application by **October 1 for the Fall Semester** and **March 1 for the Spring Semester** to: Department of Exceptionality Programs, Navy Hall 103, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
SPECED 100 (Orientation to Special Education)

Please be advised that all internal and external transfer students accepted into the Special Education (PK-8) / Early Childhood Education (PK-4) Dual Certification Major during the Fall of 2014 will be scheduled into SPECED 100 – Orientation to Special Education. This one-credit course will convene on Monday or Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:20 p.m. It is important for any incoming transfer student entering this program of study during the Fall 2014 to keep this time slot available in his/her Spring 2015 course schedule. Please direct any questions that you may have to Dr. Perner, Chairperson of the Department of Exceptionality Programs.
INTERNAL TRANSFER APPLICANT ORIENTATION MEETING
FALL 2014

All applicants to the Special Ed (PK-8) / ECE (PK-4) Dual Certification program MUST attend one of the two Orientation Sessions noted below. Please let us know which of these meetings you will attend.

M – 9/15/14 – 4:00 p.m.          
Th – 9/18/14 – 4:00 p.m.          

Name ____________________________________________