



Learning Behavior Specialist I Endorsement



Few careers are as demanding—or as satisfying—as those in special education. Earn an LBS I Endorsement in Dominican University’s flexible program.

Dominican offers licensed teachers the program you need to reach your goal of providing a high-quality educational experience for students with a wide range of disabilities. The LBS I Endorsement can be added to an elementary- or secondary-endorsed Professional Educator License (PEL) and is valid for the grade range on your current licensure. Dominican’s special education program focuses on the multiple and complex needs of children with learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disabilities, autism, intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and physical and other health impairments. You will study research-based practices and gain the expertise to provide effective instruction to this deserving population.



Dominican University’s School of Education is accredited by NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and we have a long history of preparing special education teachers and leaders. Our program has a strong reputation with schools for the quality of our candidates—good to know when you are applying for that post-Dominican job!

And if you decide to pursue a master’s degree, once you have completed the endorsement coursework you will have the option to take additional coursework to receive a Master of Arts in Education.



Program Overview

- Courses are offered in a flexible format for working professionals, with classes held one evening per week
- Receive ongoing support from a faculty advisor
- 15–19 semester hours of graduate coursework
- Completed in approximately 3-4 semesters
- Must pass state-required tests and assessments, including the LBS I Content Test

to the challenge that with knowledge comes ethical responsibility. The Dominican educator is passionate and prepared to “go where the work is great and difficult.”

By providing candidates with a course of study that emphasizes the acquisition of professional knowledge, the expansion of personal insight and an appreciation of diversity, the School of Education furthers the mission of Dominican University.

Build Your Network

- Our faculty is dedicated to your success, and their support will extend beyond the classroom
- Your dynamic peers will become lifelong professional colleagues

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The Dominican Difference

Rooted in the Sinsinawa tradition, the School of Education at Dominican University improves the human condition through education. We develop and support effective educators who transform ideas and challenges into solutions that impact diverse schools and communities to create a more just and humane world. We respond



Plan of Study

COURSES

All courses are 3 semester hours unless otherwise noted

Courses for the Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS I) Endorsement

15-19 semester hours

SPED 522 Exceptional Children: Characteristics and the Special Education Process

SPED 526 Psycho-Educational Diagnosis (Ages 3-21) (4)

SPED 649 Psychology and Characteristics of Students with Disabilities

SPED 659 Managing Challenging Behaviors

SPED 664 Curriculum and Methods for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities

Candidates with an elementary endorsement on their license

SPED 654 Academic Methods for Early Childhood-Elementary Level Students with Disabilities

Candidates with an secondary endorsement on their license

SPED 655 Academic Methods for Middle and Secondary Level Students with Disabilities (2)

