This advising sheet applies to candidates having appropriate prior certification who begin this program at UA or elsewhere. Candidates earning graduate credit prior to this date may elect to utilize this program. Candidates must present a GPA of at least 3.25 on all courses in the program below, with no grade below a “C.” Credits used for the previous Class A support certificate may not be used for this program. Candidates admitted to this program should have Alabama Class A certification (or its equivalent) in a teaching field. Candidates with Class A certification in other supportive fields should request an evaluation of their credentials. Note: All requirements for the EdS must be completed during the 6 yrs immediately preceding the date on which the degree is to be awarded.

### Required Courses: 3 sem hrs req
- **SPE 613** Consultation Procession in Spec Ed Prgs .......... 3

### Teaching Field: 15 sem hrs req
(At least 1/3 of the total hrs in this program must be in graduate-level teaching field courses.)
- **SPE 606** Topical Seminar: Behavior .................................. 3
- **SPE 616** Advanced Professional Development .................. 3
- **SPE 617** Special Ed, Leadership Policy & Law ................... 3
- **SPE 621** Issues in Special Education Early Childhood .......... 3
- **SPE 622** Advanced Curriculum Workshop: ....................... 3

### Foundations of Professional Studies: 3 sem hrs req
Select course from the approved list:

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### Educational Research: 9 sem hrs req
- **BER 540** Statistical Methods in Education....................... 3
- **BER 631** Inquiry as Interpretation: Qual I.......................... 3
- **BER 660** Evaluation I: Evaluation Theory and Practice ........ 3

### Additional Requirements/Electives: 3-6 sem hrs req
Approved by advisor.

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- **SPE 500** Intro to Exceptional Children & Youth................... iii

(Candidates who have not taken a special education survey course are required to do so.)

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**NOTES:** At least 15 sem hrs of the 33 sem hr total MUST be at the 600-level. This may not be "automatic." Candidates entering the Class AA program without Class A certification in early childhood special education are required to take SPE 576 (or its equivalent), 571, 578, 594, and 579. Up to 3 sem hrs of prerequisite work may be used to meet the elective requirements in this program.

a) a practicum is required for initial certification in a special education teaching field.  
b) A passing score on the appropriate Praxis II content tests is required if changing areas of certification in any area.  
c) a passing score on a comprehensive written exam covering the content of the curriculum is required  
d) if admitted to this program, one must hold AL Class A certification in an appropriate area before applying for the Class AA certification.

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*Dean, College of Education*

Date: ____________________________________________