WHY SEEK A SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT?
The strategist special education endorsement allows teachers with valid North Dakota educator’s professional license in elementary education to:
- teach in an elementary education classroom
- teach or provide direct instruction to all LD, ED, or ID elementary students
- consult K-12, LD, or ID students

The Special Education Endorsement at VCSU follows the Endorsement requirements specified by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board. Teachers outside North Dakota seeking to use this coursework for certification need to determine the specific requirements for teacher certification in their state. The Special Education Endorsement is predicated upon an education degree.

STUDY ONLINE
All coursework leading to the Strategist Special Education Endorsement is offered online from VCSU.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
Students will complete 150 field experience hours with practicums focusing on assessment, specific learning disabilities, emotional disorders, and intellectual disabilities.

NOTE
The courses completed within the Strategist Special Education endorsement are listed on the VCSU transcript, however the endorsement is not specifically listed like a minor or major. To obtain the actual endorsement, students make application to the ND Education Standards and Practices Board after graduation and attainment of their initial ND license for elementary teaching.

REQUIRED COURSES 35 Hours
- EDUC 240 Educating Exceptional Students 2
- EDUC 250 Intro to Education 3
- EDUC 300 Educational Technology 2
- EDUC 323 Methods of Reading Instruction 2
- EDUC 340 Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disorders, and Intellectual Disabilities 3
- EDUC 430 Diagnosis, and Correction of Reading Difficulties 3
- SPED 310 Behavior Modification 3
- SPED 333 Assessment of Students with Disabilities 3
- SPED 334 Practicum - Assessment of Students with Disabilities 2
- SPED 380 Collaboration, Consultation, and Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities 3
- SPED 382 Methods and Materials of SLD 2
- SPED 383 Methods and Materials of ED 2
- SPED 384 Methods and Materials of ID 2
- SPED 385 Practicum in SLD 1
- SPED 386 Practicum in ED 1
- SPED 387 Practicum in ID 1

TECHNOLOGY
- Notebook computers
- Digital cameras, video cameras, interactive white boards and other peripherals
- Blackboard online learning environments

CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES
- Career, job search, placement services free to all students
- Field trips, employer on-campus visits
- Information, networking opportunities and skill development
- Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

ACCREDITATIONS
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

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