

# MODERATE DISABILITIES CERTIFICATE

## Required Coursework (18 credits)

### SPND 420

Introduction to Assistive Technology  
(2 credits)

### SPND 436

Formal and Informal Assessment  
(4 credits)

### SPND 444

Special Education Law  
(2 credits)

### SPND 445

IEP Process  
(2 credits)

### SPND 446

Learners with Special Needs  
(4 credits)

### Spring Semester Only

### SPND 438

Teaching Practicum (PreK–8)  
(2 credits)

### OR

### SPND 439

Teaching Practicum (5–12)  
(2 credits)

### SPND 488

Teaching Seminar  
(2 credits)

Students will enroll in a two-credit practicum, with a minimum of 150 hours in an educational setting with learners with moderate special needs. They will be supervised by a Simmons supervisor.

## Suggested Course Sequences

	Fall Start	Spring Start	Summer Start
<b>YEAR 1</b>			
<b>FALL</b>	SPND 436 SPND 446		
<b>SPRING</b>	SPND 444 (2-credits) SPND 445 (2-credits) SPND 438 or 439 (2-credits) SPND 488 (2-credits)	SPND 444 (2-credits)* SPND 445 (2-credits)	
<b>SUMMER</b>	SPND 420 (2-credits)*	SPND 420 (2-credits)*	SPND 420 (2-credits) SPND 444 (2-credits) SPND 445 (2-credits)
<b>YEAR 2</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		SPND 436 SPND 446	SPND 436 SPND 446
<b>SPRING</b>		SPND 438 or 439 (2-credits)* SPND 488 (2-credits)	SPND 438 or 439 (2-credits)* SPND 488 (2-credits)
<b>SUMMER</b>			

\* Denotes a semester when a student will not be registered at the minimum half-time status required to meet eligibility requirements for federal financial aid. Financial aid counselors can provide advice on alternative options, including private loans. Contact Student Financial Services at [sfs@simmons.edu](mailto:sfs@simmons.edu) or 617-521-2001 to learn more.