

Questions regarding the Generalist Program

1. **When can I convert from my current program to the SPED Generalist?**
The Generalist program will commence in Fall, 2005. You may convert beginning that term. You may NOT send in materials at this point for conversion to the Generalist program.
2. **How do I convert to the Generalist Program?**
You will need to complete a "Permission to Change Major" form and turn it in to your advisor. You will also need to take and pass either the PLACE or the PRAXIS II Elementary Education Content Exam.
3. **How do I know if I should convert or stay with my original program?**
Each student's needs will be a little different. Depending on how quickly you are getting through your current program, the time demands of your TTE (if applicable) and other personal factors will help to determine this. *Generally speaking*, if you are more than halfway through your current program, we recommend you complete this program instead of converting.
4. **When will the original degree programs cease to offer courses?**
Coursework in Moderate Needs, Severe Needs: Affective, Severe Needs: Cognitive, and Profound Needs will be offered through Spring, 2006. Practica for these degree programs will be offered through Fall, 2006. *After that time, all coursework will be in the Generalist Program.*
5. **If I graduate with one of these endorsements, will it still be recognized?**
All endorsements will be recognized by the state of Colorado. However, these endorsements will no longer be available once our coursework offering ceases.
6. **Can I blend some old endorsements and the new Generalist endorsement courses?**
Yes, you will need to work with your advisor for this. Please study the conversion chart as you consider your options and work with your advisor. *Note: The advisors and the Generalist Coordinator will make the decision on what courses are necessary for you to complete your degree. You may not make these decisions without their approval.*
7. **Can I apply for the Generalist endorsement after I complete my current endorsement?**
Yes, you will need to apply to the Generalist program through the Graduate School to obtain non-degree licensure and you will need to pass either the PLACE or the PRAXIS II Elementary Education Content Exam *prior to admittance.*
8. **How many more courses beyond my MA will I have to take for the non-degree Generalist endorsement?**
This depends on your original degree and other courses you may have had. Please study the conversion guide for your program area.

9. **Will I still need to take Professional Teacher Education Program (PTEP) courses?**
Yes, if you are not a licensed teacher, you will need to take the additional PTEP courses for state licensure. These courses are determined by PTEP licensing personnel and are treated separately from your degree program or non-degree licensure.
10. **Will I have to complete a practicum for the Generalist non-degree licensure?**
Yes, you will have to complete a practicum with a minimum of 3 credit hours. Faculty will look at each student's overall set of experiences to identify gaps. Each student will complete an individualized practicum with a different population than for which he/she was originally licensed.
11. **Will I have to take a comprehensive exam if I am getting a non-degree licensure in the Generalist?**
Yes, all students will be required to take and pass a comprehensive assessment.
12. **Will all courses for the Generalist be offered beginning Fall, 2005?**
No, new courses will be rolled out each semester for four semesters. You may have to wait several semesters until the course(s) you need are offered. Every effort will be made to offer essential courses early in the program.
13. **What are the admission requirements for the Generalist endorsement program?**
Admission requirements include a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 semester hours, a statement of your educational goals and philosophy, two letters of recommendation, and documentation of passing either the PLACE or the PRAXIS II Elementary Education Content Exam.
14. **Must I take the PLACE or PRAXIS II Elementary Education Content Exam before I can be admitted to the Generalist program?**
Yes, you must provide documentation that you have taken and passed the exam prior to being admitted to the Generalist program. This is true for new admittees to UNC, those of you who will be applying for a change of major, and those of you who wish to obtain a non-degree licensure in the Generalist. It does NOT include those of you who have already taken and passed this exam, and/or who have an elementary education degree.
15. **Will the Generalist endorsement be reciprocal in other states?**
You will have to check with each state's licensure division for that information as each state handles this differently. We supply our institutional recommendation; states have their own sets of criteria for licensure.
16. **Where can I find more information on the Generalist endorsement program and the conversion process?**
Please check our website regularly for updated information. The site is <http://www.unco.edu/cebs/sped/>
Also, please contact your advisor for further information and advice.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting process!