

Orientation

Orientation Overview and Goals:

A five-hour general orientation will be held in late August on the first two mornings of the first week of class (e.g., on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.). The purposes of the Special Education Program Orientation are to (a) provide an informal opportunity to introduce students, faculty, practicum supervisors, and assistants; (b) establish a baseline of communications regarding department policy and expectations, (c) discuss important issues encountered on campus (e.g., advisement, communications with faculty, scheduling meetings, etc.); and (d) discuss important issues encountered in school environments (e.g., classroom, school and district expectations; adhering to professional behavior policy; universal precautions; personal health issues). Students will also receive a brief description of important topics (e.g., organization of study) and organizations (e.g., Student Council for Exceptional Children, or SCEC).

Orientation Objectives:

Objectives for this orientation are cross-referenced to The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Performance-Based Standards of 2001 (www.cec.sped.org/ps/perf_based_stds/standards.html)

Upon completion of this orientation, students will receive brief information on the importance of:

Standard	Code*
The teacher serving as a model for individuals with exceptional learning needs.	CC9K2
Conducting professional activities in compliance with applicable laws and policies.	CC9S4
Describing strategies for crisis prevention and intervention.	CC5K5
Using universal precautions.	CC5S16

*CC = Common Core, K = Knowledge, S = Skill

Orientation Materials:

Materials will be distributed by individual presenters. A packet of information will be disseminated.

General Expectations:

1. Students will attend both orientation sessions, i.e., Monday & Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m
2. Students are expected to remain for the entire scheduled period.
3. Discussion with neighbors will be limited, at least during lectures. Turn off cell phones.

Accommodations:

Please notify Dr. Morgan during the first hour of orientation if accommodations are necessary. In coordination with the USU Disability Resource Center (DRC), reasonable accommodation will be provided for qualified students with disabilities. Accommodations and alternate format materials are available through the DRC located at TSC 104 or call 435-797-2444 TTY: 435-797-0740.