

**CHECKSHEET TO VERIFY COURSE SPECIFICS FOR A MASTER'S IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
INTENT TO PURSUE DIRECTOR Option
A minimum of 39 semester hours required for degree**

Candidate Name _____

Date _____

Advisor _____ Option: Intent to Pursue DIR

Thesis: Y N

SPE Core Courses	Sem	Grade
SPE 5120 Current Issues in Special Education (3)		
SPE 5900 Research in Special Education (3)		
SPE 5675 Assessments, Programs, Services for Ind w/Exceptional Learning Needs (3) (sub for SPE 5670)		
SPE 5970 Curriculum and Methods for K-12 Special Education (3)		
SPE 5770 Practicum in Special Education (Field Experience) (3)		
For courses listed above, the major project or paper must be related to leadership or have an administrative focus		
Additional SPE Courses Required for DIR		
SPE 5870 Special Education Personnel Supervision and Program Administration (3)		
SPE 5133T Special Education Law (3)		
SPE 5133U Special Education Finance (3)		
SPE 5133I OR SPE 5133D OR SPE 5133F (3)—Choose 1 SPE 5133I Topic: Curriculum Adaptations for Learners with Special Needs SPE 5133D Topic: Differentiated Curriculum SPE 5133F Topic: Universal Design for Learning		
Educational Leadership Required Course		
EDL 5600 Introduction to Organization and Administration (3)		
Required Basic Education Courses (6 hours)		
EDF 5500 Curriculum Development (3)		
EDP 5300 Psychological Foundations for Educational Practices (3)		
Additional Basic Education Course Choices (choose 3 semester hours from below)		
EDF 5510 Social Foundations for Educational Practice (3)		
EDF 5550 Comparative and International Education (3)		
EDF 5560 Philosophy and History of Education (3)		
If the thesis option is chosen, 3-6 hours of Thesis credit SPE 5950 must be completed. Thesis must be completed based on a topic related to administration/leadership		
Additional Requirements for Intent to Pursue DIR		
If non-thesis option is chosen, a combined 5120/5900 Comprehensive Exam must be successfully completed. Candidates must be at the mid-point of their program to take the exam. Candidates must either complete a second comprehensive exam OR successfully complete (pass) the Director of Special Education Exam through the Illinois Licensure and Testing System.		
If thesis option is chosen, no Comprehensive Exam is required		

NOTE: Director of Special Education requires additional EDL coursework beyond the MS in SPE. Ask advisor for specifics