

Challenge Exam

Special Education 4000: Education of Students with Disabilities

Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling

Utah State University

1. Students wishing to challenge the Special Education (SPED) 4000: Education of Exceptional Individuals course will submit a letter to the Special Education 4000 committee requesting permission to challenge the course. Students may submit the letter to a SPED 4000 instructor who will take the letter to the committee. The letter should address two issues:
 - a. Clear justification for the challenge, and
 - b. Other pertinent information, i.e., relevant experience in a classroom or other setting(s), course(s) previously taken with passing grades(s) and why the course(s) provide sufficient background in education of persons with exceptionalities to justify the challenge (even if the course(s) are not accepted by USU as equivalent course(s)).
2. The SPED 4000 committee will then review the request and will accept or deny the request.
3. Students whose requests are approved must be registered for SPED 4000 the semester they are taking the challenge exam.
4. Students taking the challenge exam, will be given only one opportunity to pass the challenge exam earning a B- grade or higher, to pass the course.
5. The challenge exam must be proctored through a USU testing center (USU Materials and Testing Center) or by using Proctorio. Students will be allotted 75 minutes to complete the challenge exam.
6. Students must take the challenge exam before the last day to add a class for that semester as documented in USU course registration schedule.
7. Whatever grade student earns on the challenge exam will be the grade to go on their transcript for the SPED 4000 course. Refer to the course syllabus for grade scale.
8. If students elect to complete the course to improve their grade rather than keeping their challenge exam score, they may do so. The grade will change once the course is completed and the course grade will replace the exam grade.
9. A grade of B- or higher is required for licensure. If students earn a C+ or below, (i.e., a failing grade), then students will complete the course the same semester in which they are registered.