**Educational Diagnostician Certification/Degree Plan**

**Department of Psychology, Counseling, & Special Education**

**College of Education & Human Services**

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**

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**Name: ___________________________**

**CWID: ___________________________**

**Address: ___________________________**

**City, State, Zip: ___________________________**

**Telephone: ___________________________**

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### MA*/MS/MEd—Special Education (Thesis Option)

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| **I. Foundation & Professional Role (6 hrs.)**
| SpEd 520        |           |          |             |          |
| **Select 1:** SpEd 524, SpEd 526, OR SpEd 540 |           |          |             |          |
| **II. Law (3 hours)**
| SpEd 528        |           |          |             |          |
| **III. Assessment & Evaluation (12 hours)**
| Psy/SpEd 572    |           |          |             |          |
| Psy/SpEd 573    |           |          |             |          |
| SpEd 574        |           |          |             |          |
| Psy 635         |           |          |             |          |
| **IV. Curriculum & Instruction (9 hours)**
| Psy/SpEd 535    |           |          |             |          |
| SpEd 553        |           |          |             |          |
| SpEd 586        |           |          |             |          |
| **V. Practicum (3 hours)**
| Psy 691         |           |          |             |          |
| **VI. Research (6 hours)**
| SpEd 518        |           |          |             |          |

| **Date:** ___________________________ |

**Student Initial:** ___________________________
EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN CERTIFICATION/DEGREE PLAN

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

1. Admission into Graduate School

2. Acceptance into Master’s Degree program in Special Education (Applications are reviewed within 30 days of receipt by Department. If Master’s Degree has been completed, acceptance into educational diagnostician certification program is required.)

3. Hold valid classroom teaching certificate prior to development of Educational Diagnostician Certification/Degree Plan

4. Admission into Center for Educator Certification & Academic Services

5. Completion of Certification/Degree Plan (Coursework may not exceed 6 years of age at the time of program completion.)

6. Successful completion of comprehensive exam—non-thesis candidates only
   (Registration for exam may occur after completion of a minimum of 30 hours in the Plan that includes, but may not be limited to, Psy 691 prerequisites.)

7. Two years teaching experience (Two years may be obtained concomitantly during completion of Certification/Degree Plan for degree-seeking students.)

8. Transfer of maximum of 4 nondegree/noncertification courses (12 semester hours) to Certification/Degree Plan

9. Maintaining satisfactory performance in Psy 691, Clinical Practicum in Psychology (Approval to register for Psy 691 is required. Approval to register requires completion of SpEd 520, SpEd/Psy 535, SpEd/Psy 572, SpEd/Psy 573, SpEd 574, SpEd 580, SpEd 586, Psy 635, AND 1 OR 2 courses from SpEd 524, SpEd 526, OR SpEd 540 per Certification/Degree Plan with a B or higher, and 6 semester hours or fewer to complete the Plan, of which 3 semester hours are Psy 691, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or greater. Mandatory attendance at the Practicum orientation meeting is required prior to starting Practicum hours.)

10. Adherence to TExES requirements:
   - Minimum of 12 graduate-level semester hours completed at Texas A&M University-Commerce, as certifying institution
   - Approval for TExES registration during last semester of coursework, not to exceed 6 semester hours
   - Grade of B or better in SpEd 520, Psy/SpEd 572, Psy/SpEd 573, and SpEd 574 (also needed to register for 691)
   - Overall GPA of 3.5 on ALL coursework in Certification/Degree Plan (also needed to register for 691)

11. Signed TEA Code of Ethics form

12. *The candidate for the MA Degree must meet the foreign language requirement of the University through completion of (a) at least 12 semester hours in one foreign language, (b) 6 semester hours (above elementary courses) with 2 years of high school credit in the language, OR (c) 3 semester hours if the student has completed 3-4 years of high school credit in the language. American Sign Language may meet the foreign language requirement. Elementary courses are 100-200 level courses.

Prepared by Beth A. Jones, PhD, Director, Educational Diagnostician Program

Approved

Director, Educational Diagnostician Program

Head, Department of Psychology, Counseling, & Special Education

Officer, Center for Educator Certification & Academic Services

Student

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Effective Fall Semester 2014