

# **The Evergreen State College - Summer 2007 Special Education Courses**

## **Introduction to Special Education**

This course will provide an overview of special education including history, legislation, characteristics of various disabilities and disorders, individualized education plans and teaching strategies for students with a wide range of abilities. The class is intended for preservice teachers, practitioners or people interested in working with individuals with disabilities.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays  
8 a.m. – 12 noon June 25 – July 26  
Instructor: Patty Finnegan  
6-credit course  
CRN 40159

## **Better IEPs**

Students will learn to interpret assessments of students with disabilities and write legal, effective Individualized Education Plans including appropriate goals and objectives. Participants will look at all stages of the IEP process, learn to avoid crucial errors and to refer to IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) 2004 language detailing IEP requirements. The class will study differences between effective and problematic IEPs and how an incomplete IEP could mean denial of FAPE (Free, Appropriate, Public Education).

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. June 26 – July 26  
Instructor: Lilo Amundson  
4-credit course  
CRN 40016

## **Professional Seminar in Special Education**

This course is the concluding experience for the 24 credit special education endorsement core competencies. It takes a look at current special education research with an emphasis on best practices. Additional topics include: effective skills in communicating and collaborating with parents, para educators and professionals; early childhood special education trends and curriculum; planning the transition of special education students between education settings and into a post-secondary environment; and use of technology in special education.

Tuesday and Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. June 25 – July 26  
Instructor: Sue Pittman; 4-credit course  
CRN 40144

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