

September 21, 2026

Dear Educator,

NMU is offering ED 596A-92 Special Topics: Special Education Learning 2026 for 1 graduate credit for learning connected to the October 9, 2026, conference to be held at the Island Resort and Conference Center in Harris, MI,

The cost for this 1-graduate credit course has been discounted to \$250 with no fees. The course may be used for licensure renewal. If you are enrolled in an NMU graduate program, the course may be used as elective credit with the approval of your adviser. The syllabus for the course is below. **The course does not require face-to-face meetings beyond the October 9 in-person conference.** Two 1-page post-conference assignments will be completed independently by each participant.

Participating in this course will require attendance at the October 9 in-person conference, a 1-page take away and plan of action, and a 1-page follow-up on the learning gained from the conference. All communication for the course will be done via email with Dr. Chrisi Edge (cedge@nmu.edu) who will serve as the instructor for the course.

Since this course is being offered at a discounted rate, NMU needs to build a list of interested individuals so that we can enroll you in the university and into the course to assure all participants get billed at the discounted rate of tuition. We can enroll people into the course up to Monday, October 20, 2026, at 4:00 pm EDT.

If you are interested in this 1-credit course, please register here: [ED 596A Special Topics: Special Education Learning 2026](#) for the October 24 conference to insert your information so that Dr. Joe Lubig can contact you and get you organized for this opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Cristi Edge at cedge@nmu.edu or call 906-227-1880.

**Special Topics in Professional Learning:
Special Education Learning
Semester 2026 Fall
1 Credit Hour**

Instructor Name: Dr. Cristi Edge
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Course Title: Special Topics in Professional Learning: Special Education Learning

Credit Hours – 1 Credit

October 9, 2026, course launch at the 2026 in-person conference. Two 1-page assignments to be done independently.

Course Type

ED 596A for S/U grading

Course Location

Island Resort and Conference Center, Harris, MI

Course Description

Professional educator will attend professional development sessions that support their professional growth and learning in the area of special education for the general educator and special educator. The educator will implement, reflect, and identify the impact of the professional learning on their educational practice.

Assignments

- **Full day conference:** Attend the October 9, 2026, professional development session held at Island Resort and Conference Center, Harris, MI
- **Independent:** Submit a 1-page reflection that includes a plan of action as to how new learning from the October 9 professional development will be used – Due 8:00 am on Tuesday, November 25, 2026, to cedge@nmu.edu
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- **Independent:** Submit a 1-page update as to how the professional learning is influencing teaching and learning in the educational setting – Due 8:00 am on Friday, December 4, 2026 to cedge@nmu.edu
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Grading

Grades will be “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory” for courses labeled ED596A.

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TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

NMU Help Desk / IT Services

The NMU Help Desk is committed to providing the highest level of quality support to NMU students, faculty, and staff. Support is provided for NMU network connections, network services, and NMU issued software and computers, including TLC notebooks. Limited support for other systems may be provided or referred to other service providers on campus as available. Help is available via email (helpdesk@nmu.edu), telephone (906.227.2468), walk-in service (LRC 116) and the [IT/HelpDesk Web site](#).

Professional Writing Expectations

When citing course textbooks, journal articles, websites or other print and media sources in your discussion and assignments, the American Psychological Association (APA) (6th ed.) style is required. If you are not familiar with APA format, see the [NMU APA Reference Guide](#).

Librarian Instructional Services

Your NMU Olson Library Embedded Librarian for this course is Professor Mike Strahan. Professor Strahan is available through email (mstrahan@nmu.edu) and by phone at 906.227.2463.

NMU's Writing Center

The Writing Center's mission is to aid NMU students in improving their writing skills. The Writing Center therefore employs accomplished undergraduate student-writers to provide free, one-on-one tutoring sessions and online tutoring for all forms of writing. The Writing Center can aid students in everything from brainstorming to revising no matter if the student is a beginning writer or experienced. For more information, visit the [Writing Center's webpage](#), call 906.227.2683 or email writing@nmu.edu.

Academic Honesty

As members of an academic community, which places a high value on truth and the pursuit of knowledge, NMU students are expected to be honest in every phase of their academic life and to present their own work and only that which is genuinely theirs. This class will follow NMU's guidelines on academic dishonesty and plagiarism found in the [NMU Student Handbook](#).

Disability Services

If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Dean of Students Office at 2001 C. B. Hedgcock Building (227-1700). Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines. Further information can be found on the [Disability Services Webpage](#).

- Non-Discrimination: <http://www.nmu.edu/equalopportunity/node/28>
- Sexual Harassment Policy: <http://www.nmu.edu/equalopportunity/node/2>
- Consensual Relationship Policy: <http://www.nmu.edu/equalopportunity/node/29>
- Discrimination/Complaint Procedures: <http://www.nmu.edu/equalopportunity/node/4>
- Title IX: <http://www.nmu.edu/equalopportunity/node/12>
- Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989: <http://www.nmu.edu/druginformationguide>

Office Hours

Due to the format of the course, specific office hours are not designated. Students can schedule an office visit by contacting the instructor through the email address or by phone provided at the beginning of the syllabus.

Email Communication

NMU email accounts will be used for course communication.

Links to help you obtain your username and password:

- View account Status - <https://myuser.nmu.edu/user>
- New User Page - <https://myuser.nmu.edu/newuser>
- Change my Password - <https://myuser.nmu.edu/user>
- I lost my Password - <https://myuser.nmu.edu/recover>

To speak to a human at the NMU Help Desk if you need help obtaining your username and password: (906) 227-2468

Graduate Bulletin

Refer to the Graduate Bulletin for NMU's Graduate Academic Standards and Policies -
<https://www.nmu.edu/graduatebulletin/?clear=true>