

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Special Education offers an undergraduate program leading to the Academic and Behavioral Strategist license. The graduate programs lead to special education licensure in the areas of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Emotional Behavior Disorders (EBD), or Learning Disabilities (LD), or a Master of Science (MS) degree in Special Education.

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist
- Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders / Emotional Behavioral Disorders
- Master of Science in Special Education
- Special Education Autism Spectrum Disorders Graduate Certificate
- Special Education Developmental Disabilities Graduate Certificate
- Special Education Early Childhood Special Ed Graduate Certificate
- Special Education Emotional Behavioral Disorders Graduate Certificate
- Special Education Learning Disabilities Graduate Certificate
- Standards of Effective Practice for Teachers, Graduate Certificate
- Theory and Practice in Special Education, Graduate Certificate

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Assessment Skills
- Practical and Theoretical Knowledge
- Listening Skills
- Compassion
- Professional Work Ethic
- Dependability

### CAREERS

- Special Education Teacher
- Behavior Intervention Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher
- Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Teacher
- Learning Disability Teacher

### EMPLOYERS

- Burnsville-Eagan-Savage
- Edina Public Schools
- Mankato Area Public Schools
- Martin County West CSD
- Minneapolis Area Public Schools
- Shakopee Public Schools

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**96.7%**  
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 186  
Respondents: 157  
[link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up](https://link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up)

### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$65,270**  
The median annual wage for Special Education Teachers, Preschool in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Special Education Teachers, Preschool, at [link.mnsu.edu/special-education-salary](https://link.mnsu.edu/special-education-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[ed.mnsu.edu/sped](https://ed.mnsu.edu/sped)



# SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN OF STUDY

1st Semester (BLOCK I)	2nd Semester (BLOCK II)
SPED 401 IEP Writing and Professional (4) SPED 408 Individual with Diverse and Exceptional Needs (4) SPED 409 Learning and Human Development for Diverse Learners (4)	SPED 410 Assessment, Evaluation, and Individualized Planning for Diverse Learners (4) SPED 411 Effective Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom (4) SPED 412 Due Process, Planning, and Design of Individual Education Programs (4) SPED 448 Behavior Management and Learning Environments for Diverse Learners (4) School Field Experience
3rd Semester (BLOCK III)	4th Semester (BLOCK IV)
SPED 333 Transition Planning and Secondary Methods for Students with Mild and Moderate Disabilities (4) SPED 404 Instructional Decision Making (4) SPED 407 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (3) SPED 414 Literacy Methods in the Inclusive Classroom: Diverse Learners (4) School Field Experience	SPED 406 Strategies for Teaching Learners with Special Needs: Reading and Writing (4) SPED 413 Professional Growth and Development for Teachers of Diverse Learners (4) SPED 422 Strategies for Teaching Learners with Special Needs: Math and Science (4) School Field Experience
5th Semester (BLOCK V)	
SPED 458 Seminar: Student Teaching (4) SPED 459 Student Teaching: Mild and Moderate Disabilities (4)	

For more information about program requirements, visit:  
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