



ONLINE BACHELOR OF ARTS SPECIAL EDUCATION

Help Shape Inclusive Classrooms

The University of South Carolina Aiken's Bachelor of Arts in Special Education, accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and recognized by the Council for Exceptional Children, prepares you to teach students in grades K-12 with diverse disabilities. This program offers a solid foundation in teaching methods and subject-specific knowledge, equipping future Dynamic Educators with practical experience, technical skills, and the personal qualities needed to be effective and inclusive. The multi-categorical curriculum covers emotional, learning, and intellectual disabilities, providing extensive practical experiences in public education settings.

Graduates will be qualified to apply for teacher certification through the state department of education to work in K-12 classrooms. As demand for qualified educators who can support students of varying abilities, this program ensures you are well-prepared to meet those needs.

Curriculum

The core curriculum includes the following courses:

- **Child/Adolescent Education** - 12 credit hours
- **Education Assessment** - 7 credit hours
- **People with Exceptionalities** - 3 credit hours
- **Disabilities (Learning, Intellectual, Emotional, Behavioral, Autism, Severe Injury)** - 40 credit hours
- **Senior Seminar and Internship** - 15 credit hours

Prerequisites and Requirements

To apply for this online degree program, students must have a preferred 2.75 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework. In addition to 45-60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution, students transferring to the program are encouraged to review the list of completed coursework needed for eligibility on the program's webpage.



IN-DEMAND CAREERS

- Special Education Teacher
- Resource Teacher
- Special Education Coordinator
- Behavioral Specialist
- Inclusion Specialist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist



AVERAGE STARTING SALARY

\$45,000-\$60,000



PROJECTED JOB GROWTH

The United States Department of Labor predicts above average job growth for special education teachers. Demand is expected to increase 7% by 2032.



EMPLOYERS HIRING SPED GRADUATES

- Public and Private Schools
- School Districts
- Charter Schools
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Special Education Centers
- Early Intervention Programs
- Government Agencies



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