



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Major in Special Education

The Special Education program is organized into cohorts that are under the mentorship of one faculty member who is responsible for assuring that each student meets standards and competencies needed for Special Education General Curriculum certification in the state of Georgia. Cohort admission requirements include completing an application packet, three professional letters of recommendation using the GC format, a passing score or exemption on the GACE Program Admission Assessment, a Pre-service Certificate from the PSC, verified structured experience with children of the level the applicant wishes to teach, an interview by a faculty admissions committee, and documentation of having completed Educator Ethics 350.

The conceptual framework of this program is constructed on a professional knowledge base that focuses on the following core concepts: foundation in liberal arts, foundation in professional preparation, foundation for addressing human relations and diversity issues and development of dynamic leadership abilities. This program offers a degree that leads to certification for teachers in Grades PK-12.

The special education program has been approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and recognized by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The John H. Lounsbury College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). In 2016, the Special Education program was ranked 19th out of 400 colleges analyzed across the United States by Teacher.org and was the only Georgia university listed in the top 20.

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

- Teacher
- Tutor
- Librarian
- Curriculum Developer
- Human Resources Director
- School Counselor
- School Administrator
- Vice Principal
- Principal
- Superintendent
- Physical Education Teacher
- Children's Minister
- Curriculum Development Specialist
- Education Management Specialist
- Family Services Worker
- Religious School Teacher
- School Administrator
- School Counselor
- Social Services Specialist
- Youth Program Director
- Youth Specialist
- Teaching Assistant

Develop Skills

written communication
presentation leadership
reasoning interpersonal
direct student contact
problem solving presentation
child development
analysis techniques critical thinking
oral communication
relationship building curriculum
presentation software
assessment strategies
relationship building problem-solving
communication curriculum
critical thinking child development
reasoning leadership

...the possibilities are endless.

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Explore and Engage with Special Education



Ask faculty about attending professional conferences



Join Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society of Education



Ask faculty about study abroad opportunities



Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan



Join Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)



Join student government



Talk to your academic advisor



Connect with alumni via LinkedIn

Considering adding a Minor?

These minors can complement the Special Education major

- Business Administration
- English
- History
- International Studies
- Urban Studies
- Sociology
- Rhetoric
- Philosophy
- Marketing
- Management

Top employers at GC

for Special Education majors



Baldwin County Schools



Gwinnett County Schools



Fulton County Schools



Jones County Schools



Putnam County Charter Schools

Median Starting Salary

for Special Education majors



*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

Mean Starting Salary

for Special Education majors



*based on NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2020

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