

## Certificate in Special Education

The Special Education Program offers a Certificate in Foundations of Special Education for students who are interested in a career in public education, human services and social work, or a related field. This certificate is designed to provide foundational knowledge about the field of special education and would benefit students interested in a career in supporting students with disabilities in public school, agency, or community settings. The certificate has an emphasis on developing skills and knowledge in three areas: a) foundations of disability; b) instructional methods for students with disabilities; c) behavioral and social emotional supports for students with disabilities.

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### Certificate Requirements

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- Students must complete a minimum of **36 credits** of required courses.
- All upper division credits must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon.
- A minimum grade of “B-” or “P\*” must be earned in each required course.
- All courses must be taken for a letter grade unless only offered pass/no pass (i.e., field studies, practicum)
- Students wishing to waive required coursework need to obtain coordinator approval.

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### Procedure for Applying for the Special Education Certificate Program

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- Complete at least 1 credit of SPED 420\*, and SPED 407, and 411 (5/7 required credits) with a minimum grade of “B-” or P.  
\*Or have a Petition to Waiver on file w/ the SPED Certificate coordinator.
- Schedule a meeting with the SPED Certificate coordinator to discuss and begin the application process.
- Along with your application, you will submit a professional goal statement and two letters of recommendation.
- Complete the Character Questionnaire – download, complete and submit to the Program Coordinator in a sealed envelope. It will be opened and reviewed following admissions decision.
- An initial interview and advising meeting with the program coordinator is also required.
- Admitted students must have a signed program plan and verification of TSPC Background check.

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### Procedure for Applying for the Special Education Licensure Program (K-12)

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- Complete the Graduate School application.
- Department Application (waived) but must be in good standing and have recommendation of program and practicum coordinators to continue with licensure.

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