SPECIAL EDUCATION CAREER SUMMARY

CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES
Special Education job opportunities have continued to increase as legislative mandates and service provisions to persons with disabilities have occurred. Current and projected employment opportunities in special education are among the finest in the field of education. The program prepares students to work with a variety of exceptional children.

Skills Associated with Special Education Majors
- Desire and ability to work with children
- Enthusiasm for teaching
- Ability to handle classroom situations
- Ability to speak and write clearly
- Sense of humor
- Patience, understanding, and perseverance
- Ability to incorporate technology into the curriculum and instruction
- Training, instructing, advising, counseling, supervisory, and directing skills
- Ability to assess, analyze, evaluate, plan and make decisions

Sample Career Titles:
- Adult Education Teacher
- Educational Researcher
- Principal
- Adventure / Outdoor Education
- Educational Resource Coordinator
- Registrar
- Agency Director
- Educational Therapist
- Religious Education Teacher
- Assistant Principal
- Elementary Teacher
- Religious Education Coordinator
- Athletic Coach
- Employee Training Instructor
- Residential Counselor
- Athletic Director
- Family Service Worker
- Resource Teacher
- Case Worker
- Financial Aid Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Child Life Specialist
- Financial Aid Director
- School Social Worker
- Child Welfare Worker
- GED Teacher
- College Dean
- Grant Writer
- Secondary Teacher
- College President
- Group Home Director
- Social Services Aide
- College Professor
- Guidance Counselor
- Social Services Coordinator
- Community Service Administrator
- Historic Site Administrator
- Special Education Administrator
- Counselor
- Home Health Aide
- Special Education Teacher
- Curriculum Specialist
- Human Resources Administrator
- Speech Pathologist
- Day Care Administrator
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Disabilities Specialist
- Librarian
- Textbook Writer
- Director of Guidance
- Library Consultant
- Therapeutic Staff Service Worker
- Education / Training Administrator
- Media Center Specialist
- Training Specialist
- Education Management Specialist
- Missionary Worker
- Tutor
- Educational Administrator
- Personnel Director
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Educational Consultant
- Preschool Administrator
- Counselor
- Educational Materials Sales
- Preschool Teacher

** Some careers may require additional training and/or education
To find out more about the daily work of these professions, skills needed, and salary ranges, go to Occupational Outlook Handbook and type a career title into the search field.

Visit Career Education & Development, 124 Bailey Library, to discuss these occupations and career opportunities with a Career Counselor.