



program

Teacher Certification Program

The primary focus in undergraduate special education is preparing teachers to serve students that have intellectual, physical, behavioral, or emotional disabilities. Through a partnership with the elementary education department, students majoring in special education earn dual certification allowing them to teach special education in grades Pre K-8 and primary education in grades Birth-4. This dual certification program is ideal for today's educators who must meet the challenges of delivering services in inclusive settings.

CPAD Program

Another focus in undergraduate special education is to prepare professionals to serve individuals with disabilities in non-public school settings. CPAD is a non-certification program and combines course work in special education with classes in business, public relations and other fields. The goal is to prepare individuals to serve clients as case managers, program supervisors, sheltered living specialists, employment supervisors, and as mental health/mental retardation specialists.

career opportunities

Graduates who choose jobs as special education teachers are prepared to meet the needs of students by providing direct classroom instruction, collaborating and consulting with elementary and secondary teachers in adapting curriculum and instruction, and serving as coordinators of instructional support teams. Graduates who choose careers in elementary education are prepared not only to provide direct instruction, but to work with teams to deliver services to special pupils who are included in the general education classroom.

Majors & Minor

Majors:

- Special Education/Early Childhood Education Certification (BSED)
- Community Program for Americans with Disabilities: Adapted Physical Activity (BS)
- Community Program for Americans with Disabilities: Non Profit Management (BS)

Minor:

- Exceptionalities

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teaching certification:

In addition to completing the required course of study in special education and elementary education, candidates for certification in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must also complete PRAXIS I and II exams as prescribed for each major. PRAXIS I exams are to be completed following freshman year while PRAXIS II exams must be completed prior to the student teaching semester. For additional information on the PRAXIS test students should contact the office of Career Services in Bailey Library.

branching out

Minor in Exceptionalities

The Special Education Department offers a minor which is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking SRU students. Requirements for the Minor in Exceptionalities include SPED 121, 122, 325, 430 and 432.

internships

- Children & Youth Services (CYS)
- Youth Development Center (YDC)
- Easter Seals
- Life Steps
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) & Other UCP Chapters
- Diversified Family Services
- Department of Aging

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