

SPECIAL EDUCATION, BSE

Special Education is for students who want to work with children and youth, particularly those with disabilities. Graduates of the program have almost 100% job placement, with opportunities in Wisconsin and nationwide.

Watch what students in Special Education have to say about the program (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsRvdf1bmao>).

Students pursuing Special Education can choose from four certification options, all completed in a four-semester sequence that includes coursework, field experiences, and starts each fall.

CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

Special Education Cross-Categorical K-12 (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/special-education-bse/special-education-special-education-cross-categorical-K-12-bse/>)

This program prepares educators to serve as resources and advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families. Graduates will be equipped to lead, collaborate, and work creatively within and outside of schools to create inclusive educational experiences that improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families. Coursework and field experiences focus on elementary, middle, and high school settings, supporting students with a wide range of abilities, including those with severe disabilities.

Elementary Education K-9 and Special Education K-12 (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/elementary-education-special-education-bse/>)

This program trains educators to work with all children, especially those from diverse backgrounds or with disabilities. Graduates will focus on inclusion and work with students across various disability categories, such as learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders. The program emphasizes collaboration and provides training in both Elementary and Special Education; graduates will obtain certification in both Elementary Education (K-9) and Special Education (K-12).

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/special-education-bse/special-education-early-childhood-special-education-birth-grade-3-bse/>)

This certification prepares educators to support young children who have, or are at greater risk of developing, disabilities. The program emphasizes early intervention and collaboration with families, schools, and community organizations. Graduates can work in settings like Early Head Start, Head Start, and childcare centers, in addition to classrooms through grade 3.

Early Childhood Special Education and Special Education Cross-Categorical K-12 (including 4K) (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/special-education-bse/special-education-early-childhood-special-education-special-education-dual-certification-birth-grade-12-bse/>)

This combined certification prepares educators to support students with disabilities from birth through grade 12. Students will be certified in both Early Childhood Special Education and Special Education Cross-Categorical K-12.

THE TEACHER PLEDGE

UW-Madison offers a financial program called the Teacher Pledge (<https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/>). The school covers in-state tuition for Special Education students who agree to teach at a Wisconsin PreK-12 school for 3-4 years after graduation.

MADISON COLLEGE TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Madison College students can transfer to UW-Madison's School of Education and Special Education through a guaranteed admission (<https://tec.education.wisc.edu/become-a-teacher/uw-madison-school-of-education-transfer-agreement/>) agreement.