

# SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## TEACHING LEARNERS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

Meet the needs of learners with exceptionalities as a highly skilled special educator. Choose from a variety of online programs that can lead to licensure and career advancement. By the end of the program, you'll be able to identify the individual needs of your students, develop a data-driven curriculum, and demonstrate effective classroom management.



### SPECIALIZE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Expand your expertise and position yourself as a leader in the field. Whether you are a current educator, service provider, or looking for a change from your current profession, we have the program for you. You can expand your education with a master's degree, a master's degree that leads to licensure, or enroll in a licensure-only program.

### COMPLETE YOUR EDTPA REQUIREMENTS

Purdue's online special education programs incorporate the Education Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) measures. You'll complete your program ready for this multi-measure assessment that requires new teachers to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to teach according to state and national standards – including Common Core State Standards and the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC). As a graduate of Purdue's online special education program, you will be empowered to teach students effectively.


### MENTOR & INDUCTION PROGRAM

Purdue's Mentor and Induction Program will provide a series of seminars to help you connect content from course to course, integrate technology tools, and provide networking opportunities beyond the classroom with alumni, guest speakers from the field, faculty members, and course instructors and university supervisors.

As your program comes to an end, our Induction Seminars will continue to provide much-needed support as you exit the program and move into your full-time roles and responsibilities as a special educator. Purdue is committed to our alumni and will continue providing meaningful content, a supportive community, and guest experts from the field to keep you motivated and encouraged as you begin your professional career.



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### BY GRADUATION, YOU CAN:

- Understand the various characteristics and categories of disability identified by law.
- Be able to apply methods of assessment including the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data to make instructional decisions.
- Validate instructional methods to provide age-appropriate curriculum adapted to individual students' needs and educational plans.
- Ensure students have access to the general education curriculum using evidence-based practices.
- Use current and emerging technologies to promote increased mobility, communication, self-determination, and cognitive functioning.
- Provide behavioral supports for students with challenging behavior that promote and teach appropriate functional behavior and social skills.
- Create safe and positive learning environments where diversity across culture, race, ethnicity, and gender are valued.
- Understand and apply ethics and standards for professional practice in special education.

## ONLINE

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## WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Purdue's suite of special education programs offers you the opportunity to study exactly what you need to move your career forward. You have the option of pursuing:

- MS in Education (MSEd) in Special Education
- MS in Education (MSEd) in Special Education + Licensure
- Licensure Only

## CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

Learners with exceptionalities require highly skilled educators that can plan and administer special education curricula while facilitating a safe and effective classroom. Learn to combine the latest instructional, behavioral, and communication strategies with the most up-to-date technology and research to meet the unique needs of students with learning disabilities, mild and intense developmental disabilities, autism, and emotional behavioral disorders.

Choose the program option below that best suits your career path.

### MSED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

This is a master's in special education that prepares you to work within the field of special education, but not as a licensed teacher. Please note: this degree does not lead to a teaching license.

Graduate with: MSEd in Special Education

**CREDITS: 31**

### TWO PATHS TO LICENSURE

In the concentrations below, you have the option of earning your MSEd with the licensure listed, or you can enroll in the concentration's Licensure-Only option.

### INITIAL MILD ONLY LICENSURE

You have a bachelor's degree (in any field/area) and a desire to teach special education.

Requires: A practicum and student teaching

Graduate with: MSEd in Special Education

You're prepared for Licensure Exams in:

- Mild Intervention License
- Blended and Online Teaching License

**CREDITS: 36 | LICENSURE-ONLY OPTION: 33 CREDITS**

### INITIAL MILD AND INTENSE LICENSURE

You have a bachelor's degree (in any field/area) and a desire to teach special education.

Requires: 2 practicums and student teaching

Graduate with: MSEd in Special Education

You're prepared for Licensure Exams in:

- Mild Intervention License
- Intense Intervention License
- Blended and Online Teaching License

**CREDITS: 48 | LICENSURE-ONLY OPTION: 45 CREDITS**

### ADDITIONAL MILD ONLY LICENSURE

You have a teaching license\* and a desire to teach special education.

Requires: A practicum

Graduate with: MSEd in Special Education

You're prepared for Licensure Exams in:

- Mild Intervention License
- Blended and Online Teaching License

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### ADDITIONAL MILD AND INTENSE LICENSURE

You have an initial teaching license and a desire to teach learners with exceptionalities who need mild and intense intervention needs.

Requires: 2 practicums

Graduate with: MSEd in Special Education

You're prepared for Licensure Exams in:

- Mild Intervention License
- Intense Intervention License
- Blended and Online Teaching License
- Blended and Online Teaching License

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## EARN LICENSURE FOR BLENDED AND ONLINE TEACHING

Nine of our 10 licensure-based programs contain all content and competencies for the Blended and Online Teaching License so you qualify to take the licensure exam after completing the program — there's no additional coursework or fieldwork required. We've paired the Blended and Online Teaching licensing standards with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards so you'll master the competencies through coursework.

Competencies include educational technology:

- Foundations
- Learners
- Design Principles
- Leadership, Professionalism, and Communication
- Facilitation, Learning Management, and Assessment

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\*Candidates seeking an additional license in Mild and/or Intense Intervention must show proof of an initial teaching license in any content areas. Please note: Emergency and/or Substitute Teaching Licenses are not considered an initial teaching license.