Program goals
The Special Education program at Minot State University provides future teachers with:
- A robust training program that reflects the latest trends in the field of special education
- Individualized student support from supportive faculty, practicum supervisors and cooperating teachers in the schools
- Coursework grounded in both theory and evidence-based teaching strategies
- Exemplary advising from faculty so students are prepared and graduate in a timely manner

Program description
The Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) for Special Education is a certification program that prepares students to work with children and youth with disabilities in grades K – 12. Faculty prepare teachers to provide a variety of educational options based on individual needs and to design curriculum based on the whole child in the context of their individual learning profile, family, and culture.

Because the general classroom should be the first placement option for students with disabilities, the program emphasizes and provides training to pre-service special education teachers on how to collaborate with general education professionals. The students will also learn adaptive techniques and assistive technologies that facilitate the successful integration of students with diverse learning needs. The special education program prepares students to work with a diverse range of students and teaches evidence-based strategies that are effective for all learners.

The program also offers a minor in deaf education (18 credits) and provides extensive experiences in integrating best practices for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Students wishing to receive more information in meeting the needs of students with disabilities may be interested in our concentration in Special Education (12 credits).

Students in this program receive training in the following areas:

Graduates desiring to teach in the public schools in North Dakota, must pass the state certification test (Praxis 1 and 2) in both content area and professional knowledge.
## Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Special Education (120 cr)

### General Education (38–40 cr)
Requires two lab sciences: Life and Physical Sciences
- MATH 103 College Algebra (4)
- HIST 103 US History to 1877 (3)
  or HIST 212 World Civilizations Since 1500 (3)
- GEOG 110 Introduction to Geography (3)
  or GEOG 161 World Regional Geography (3)

### Required Special Education Core
- SPED 110 Introduction to Exceptional Children (3)
- SPED 120 Intro to Positive Behavior Supports (3)
  or PSY 473 Behavior Modification (3)
- SPED 141 Development of Young Children (2)
- SPED 201 Applied Behavior Analysis for Teachers (2)
- SPED 202 Intro to Sensory Disabilities (3)
- SPED 233 Experience in SPED (1)
- SPED 310 Intro to Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
- SPED 317 Foundational Academics (2)
- SPED 340 Assessment in SPED\(^1\) (4)
- SPED 379 Leadership in SPED (3)
- SPED 410 Intro to High Incidence Disabilities (3)
- SPED 420 Inclusive Practices (3)
- SPED 441 Methods High Incidence Disabilities\(^1\) (3)
- SPED 442 Methods Low Incidence Disabilities\(^1\) (3)
- SPED 444 Transition to Adult Life\(^1\) (3)
- SPED 445 Collaboration in Special Education (3)
- SPED 494 Practicum in Special Education\(^1\) (4)

### Professional Education Sequence
Select one of the following:
- PSY 252 Child Psychology (3)
- PSY 255 Child & Adolescent Psychology (3)
- PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3)
- SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America (3)
- SPED 110 Introduction to Exceptional Children (3)
- ED 260 Educational Psychology (2)
- ED 260L Clinical I (0)
- ED 282 Managing the Learning Environment (2)
- ED 282L Clinical II (0.5)
- ED 283 Teaching Diverse Learners (2)
- ED 284L Clinical III (0.5)
- ED 320 Curriculum, Planning & Assessment I (2)
- ED 321L Clinical IV (0.5)
- ED 322 Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment II (2)
- ED 323L Clinical V (0.5)
- ED 324L Fall Experience (0)
- ED 380 Technology in Teaching\(^1\) (2)
- ED 484 Student Teaching Seminar\(^1\) (2)
- ED 495 Student Teaching, Special Areas\(^1\) (12)

\(^1\)Requires admission to Teacher Education.

Students wishing to enroll in a double major in conjunction with the BSEd in SPED will complete all requirements of both majors as identified in the MSU undergraduate catalog.

For a complete listing of requirements, go to MinotStateU.edu/tehp.

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### Career outlook
Careers in special education are both exciting and rewarding! There is a very strong need for certified special education teachers in the public schools not only in North Dakota but also throughout the nation. Teaching students with special needs is a great way to give back to the community and these children need you! Help students overcome their struggles and difficulties and assist them in developing functional, academic, self-determination and leadership skills. There are more jobs than teachers so choose where you’d like to teach!