

Attention North Dakota High School Juniors and Seniors

Aspire

DID YOU KNOW...?

- the top factor influencing student success is a skilled teacher
- there are about 15,000 students in ND and 7.2 million in the U.S. with disabilities who need special education to be successful
- There is a CRITICAL shortage of teachers in ND and the country
- High school students can earn their special education paraeducator certificate and work at their school to learn while they earn



Do you want to make a difference in students' lives? Then consider a career in education through Minot State University's Aspire program!

WHO? North Dakota high school juniors and seniors

WHAT? An opportunity to get a head start on your career.

- Three online dual credit classes with tuition and materials PAID
 - Start with SPED 110 Introduction to Exceptional Children
 - SPED 299 Special Education Field Experience
 - ED 260 Educational Psychology

Students who complete both SPED 110 and SPED 299 are eligible for the ND DPI Special Education Paraeducator Certificate. These two courses can be taken concurrently starting Spring 2025!

- Peer mentors - connect with current college students majoring in education
- One-day immersive experience on campus
- Development of an individualized pathway to a career in education

WHEN? Participate Spring 2025.

WHY? To help high school students explore future careers in education and find future amazing teachers for North Dakota.

HOW? Students must be nominated by their principal (or other administrator) or counselor. Tell them you are interested!

PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

For more info, scan the QR code
or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/b3aTsXCWiN>



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