

K-12 Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. Ed.)



Work With Students Who Need You Most

Challenges! We all face them! As a special education teacher, you will work with students who MOST need your expertise and understanding to deal with their challenges and achieve success in today's world. You will make a real difference.

Prepare For Your Future

The Black Hills State University K-12 Special Education program prepares you to become a certified special education (K-12) teacher. You will gain experience in a regular classroom, in a special education classroom, and in an inclusive classroom environment. BHSU has the largest teacher education program in the state of South Dakota and places our students in a career where the rewards are limitless.

Learn From The Best

The Special Education teacher program is rigorous and is facilitated by special education faculty who hold doctorates in their respective fields. BHSU professors maintain the tradition of preparing students to teach confidently and competently. *One hundred percent* of the BHSU teacher education students earned passing scores on the Principles of Learning and Teaching exam, which is required for state licensure. What a great opportunity to learn from the best in the profession!

Enjoy The Experience

Share the wonder and delight of learning through a student's eyes. Lead with confidence, teach with understanding, make a real difference with a degree from BHSU. We deliver on our promise to prepare caring, competent, and confident professionals.

Education majors may belong to the Council of Exceptional Children and are eligible for the education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

The special education program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the South Dakota Department of Education.

find your career:

After graduation, you will be prepared to be certified to teach special education in grades K-12. If you are already teaching and complete the special education endorsement, you will be able to teach special education as well as your current field. The undergraduate degree in special education provides a foundation for graduate school in school administration or school psychology.

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Pre-Professional Core

- 1cr **EDFN 295** Practicum: Pre-Admission Teaching
- 2cr **EDFN 338** Foundations of American Education
- 3cr **EPSY 302** Educational Psychology
- 3cr **EPSY 428** Child & Adolescent Development
- 1cr **HLTH 251** First Aid & CPR
- 3cr **INED 411** South Dakota Indian Studies
- 3cr **PSYC 101** General Psychology **

Special Ed Core

- 2cr **ED 420** Single Subject Research Methodology
- 3cr **SPED 100** Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities
- 2cr **SPED 406** Introduction to Assistive Technology
- 3cr **SPED 410** Behavior Management of Exceptional Children
- 3cr **SPED 413** Students with MR, DD, & Severe Disabilities
- 3cr **SPED 417** Vocational-Transitional Programming
- 3cr **SPED 420** Curriculum & Instructional Strategies K-12
- 3cr **SPED 431** Identification & Assessment in Special Education
- 3cr **SPED 453** Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 3cr **SPED 460** Family Systems & Professional Collaboration
- 2cr **SPED 495** Practicum: Special Education

Choose 1 course from the following

- ELED 459** Introduction to Literacy Assessment & Remediation
- PE 352** Adapted Physical Education Psychology of
- PSYC 451** Abnormal Behavior

Teaching Core

- 3cr **EDFN 365** Computer Based Technology & Learning
- 1cr **EDFN 375** Methods of Technology Integration
- 1cr **EDFN 440** Classroom Management
- 2cr **MLED 480** Middle Level Methods
- 3cr **SEED 408** Plan, Manage & Assess the 7-12 Diverse Classroom
- 2cr **SEED 450** 7-12 Reading/Content Literacy **OR**
- 2cr **ELED 315** Foundations & Theory of Reading
- 1cr **SEED 495** Practicum: Pre-Student Teaching **OR**
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- 3cr **EDFN 475** Human Relations
- 9cr **SPED 488** Student Teaching in Special Education

General Education Requirements

- Gen Ed **Mathematics** 3 semester hours
- Gen Ed **Social Science** 3 semester hours
- Gen Ed **Arts & Humanities** 6 semester hours
- Gen Ed **Natural Science AND Lab** 6-10 semester hours
- ENGL 101** Composition I
- ENGL 201** Composition II
- SPCM 101** **OR** **SPCM 215** **OR** **SPCM 222** **Speech**

A *minor* is NOT required with this major but electives are required to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300/400 level courses.

** Completes one general education requirement.

If a student is also majoring either in elementary education or secondary education, then the student would only student teach for 6 semester hours in special education. The remaining 6 semester hours would be in either elementary or secondary education, for a total of 12 semester hours.