Every student has different needs in the classroom. Become an expert special education teacher trained to provide individualized education to students with disabilities. Work with families and other professionals to collaboratively problem solve. You will foster students’ growth in academic, social, behavioral, and life skills.

Through this program, you will achieve your bachelor's degree and teaching license in four years. The special education major prepares you to teach students with mild-moderate disabilities in K-12 classrooms and 18-21 year old transition programs. You will earn your Academic and Behavioral Strategist teaching license, ready to enter the classroom and start improving student outcomes. You can then take additional credits to obtain your license to work with students with severe disabilities and apply those credits toward a master of education (M.Ed.) degree.

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Student Experiences

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