

B.A. Special Education | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 100% of graduates

100% Praxis Exam
Pass Rate

100% Secured Employment

POPULAR CAREERS

- K-12 special education teacher
- Principal
- Superintendent
- Special services director
- Reading coordinator
- Title I director
- Guidance counselor
- School psychologist
- Adapted physical education specialist
- Nonprofit manager
- Human resources trainer

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Public & private school districts, military schools, daycare centers, nursery schools, tutoring & learning centers, test preparation companies, educational nonprofits

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Practicums & Student Teaching

- Augustana's model classroom
- Lutheran Social Services mentoring
- Surrounding school districts and agencies
- Semester-long student teaching experiences: local, regional, national and international

• Service Learning

- South Dakota Miss Amazing
- LSS Mentoring Services
- HorsePower
- Active Generations
- New Directions Down Syndrome Association
- Children's Care Hospital and School

• Research Topics

- From Norway to the Midwest: Comparing Inclusive Teaching
- Practices Social Academics: What is More Important in Special Education?
- Meeting the Needs in a Virtual Learning Environment: A Case Study

• Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Kenya Elimu na Kilimo: Glimpses at the Intersection of Global Food Security & Education



WHY STUDY SPECIAL EDUCATION?

The conceptual framework for the Teacher Education Program is grounded in a philosophy that integrates the best of Western educational thought, wisdom of indigenous Native American culture and emerging research on positive youth development. Known as the Circle of Courage, this conceptual framework empowers teacher candidates with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to create positive learning environments so that all students can learn. The curriculum and field experiences of the Teacher Education Program are structured to blend the Circle of Courage values into a model for professional behavior. Throughout their program of study, teacher candidates complete course requirements and participate in field experiences designed to facilitate mastery and understanding of the program competencies.

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EMPHASIS OPTIONS

Elementary | Secondary | Physical Education



FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in SPED 120 and 236.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore interdisciplinary minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Complete 125 hours of practicums for several classes.
- Be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

- Apply to graduate by Oct. 1 and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Pass Praxis exams.
- Complete your student teaching in SPED 487.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus organizations such as the Augustana University Education Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Deaf Awareness, FRIENDSLink and Peer Navigator Program.
- Consider mentoring opportunities through organizations such as Lutheran Social Services.
- Engage in your first simulated instruction in AU's model classroom.
- Explore study-away opportunities in Studio Abroad.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus activities and engage in relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.
- Gain youth-related work experience.

- Create credential files of resumes, cover letters and secure references.
- Attend the Teacher Job Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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