

SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

The four-course online Certificate in Exceptionality will provide a foundation in Special Education to those interested to expand their understanding of various types of disabilities and ways to address the needs of those students. Practitioners across the US, and around the world, will be able to identify characteristics of students with disabilities, ways to collect and analyze assessment data, as well as utilize this information in order to make instructional planning decisions. By successfully completing this certificate program, candidates will have a firm understanding of ways to accommodate children with high-incidence disabilities and make modifications for children with low-incidence disabilities. Educators can directly apply knowledge and skills to their classrooms.

Depending on licensure and endorsement requirements in different states, teachers already licensed in general education could use this course sequence to pursue an additional endorsement in special education. Some teachers may also use the coursework to advance their pay scale. Similarly, practitioners outside the US will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills, and apply current, best practices to international classrooms, and use this certificate to advance their career.

The curriculum for the Online Certificate in Exceptionality consists of four online courses.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
SER 440	SURVEY OF EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS: PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION	4
SER 402	INSTRUCTION AND DIFFERENTIATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	4
SER 421	FORMAL ASSESSMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	4
SER 409	TEACHING STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES	4