

***THOUGHT ABOUT TEACHING?  
There is a critical need for qualified  
Special Educators!!***

**You can earn your Preliminary Teaching License in Special Education  
AND a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from Southern Oregon  
University in one year (four terms).**

**CALL OR GO ONLINE NOW FOR APPLICATION  
APPLY TODAY!  
CLASSES START June 2023**

**Five reasons to enter the Special Education program:**

- 1. You will make a difference – one child at a time!**
- 2. Special Education is among the highest demand areas in the nation!**
- 3. You can work with mentors in the field while taking campus courses!**
- 4. You can be eligible for scholarships through SOU and school districts!**
- 5. You will complete requirements for your preliminary license AND a  
Master's Degree in one year!**

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**ONLINE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION:**

**<https://inside.sou.edu/education/sped/standalone.html>**

**Southern Oregon University**  
**School of Education**  
**Special Education Program**  
**Admission Requirements**

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (3.0 GPA in last 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours).
2. Admission to SOU Graduate School.
3. Documented experience with children, preferably those with exceptionalities.
4. Prerequisite courses:
  - Foundations of special education. (For instance, ED 470: The Exceptional Child OR ED 348: Children with Disabilities and their Families two courses offered by SOU; or ED 251: Overview of the Exceptional Learner at most OR community colleges)
  - Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (For instance, MTH 211: Fundamentals of Elementary Math I offered by SOU).

**Some facts about Special Education**

- ✓ The number of special education teachers is expected to increase by 8% from 2020 to 2030. Many districts continue to seek qualified special educators.
- ✓ The average special educator salary in Oregon was \$57,571 in 2021. Because special education is a critical need area, some local school districts have begun offering stipends or signing bonuses to qualified special educators.
- ✓ Oregon's requirements for teacher licensure are among the highest in the nation – this means you will be able to meet or exceed most states licensure requirements.