

Higher Education Alternative Programs

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| | Western Oregon University |
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| General Description | On-campus MS in Education: Special Education & special educator licensure. Classes scheduled from 4:30 pm on. Geared towards new (since 99) initial special educator licensure, but still do maintain classes towards "old" Standard license. Also offer a masters and licensure program in Early Intervention/Special Education. |
| School District Partners | |
| Contact Information | Dr. Robert Brownbridge, Co-Coordinator (503) 838-8961 or e-mail at: brownbr@wou.edu Dr. Mickey Pardew, Co-Coordinator (503) 838-8754 or e-mail at: pardewm@wou.edu |
| Entrance Requirements | Pass the CBEST; pass MAT/GRE or have grade point average of ≥ 3.00 in last 90 hours of undergraduate; relevant references and experiences with children with disabilities contribute to admission. Consult WOU website for graduate program requirements: http://www.wou.edu/provost/graduate/gradadm.htm http://www.wou.edu/education/sped/speducator.htm http://www.wou.edu/education/sped/ei_ecse.html |
| Number of Participants | Limit of 25 in this program |
| Target Participants | Largest target audience is folks with undergraduate degree working in special education, generally paraprofessionals. A growing group are general education licensed teachers seeking endorsement in special education. |
| Length of Program | Two academic years (6 quarters) |
| Hours earned (Differentiate between Quarters and Semesters) | 51-60 quarter hours (less for EI/ECSE) |

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| License earned | Initial Oregon Special Educator License Early Childhood/Elementary Authorization Middle Authorization High School Authorization Initial Oregon EI/ECSE (birth-8years) License or add-on endorsement |
| Graduate/Master's Program | Master of Science in Education: Special Education The MS in Education: Special Education program requires an additional 9 quarter credit hours of coursework beyond the noted special educator licensure program |
| Undergraduate | WOU has an undergrad minor in special education and rehab counseling |
| Continuing Teaching License | |
| Courses (List All) | Please refer to: http://www.wou.edu/education/sped/speducator.htm http://www.wou.edu/education/sped/ei_ecse.html |
| Program Content | Program content addresses learners across the special education continuum, including both low and high incidence disabilities |
| Field Experiences (i.e. Student Teaching, Internships) | Requires 3 supervised field experiences which may be done "on the job" (if the employment setting meets the criteria of the field experience) |
| Delivery Models (i.e. Distance Education, Seminar, Face to Face Instruction) | Traditional delivery model (face-to-face classroom, on-campus instruction) enhanced with some web-based materials. All courses offered at times convenient to working professionals |
| Retention/Mentoring Information | Cohort-based instruction builds cohesion among students |
| Exit Requirements | Complete all course work and field experiences with satisfactory grades. Submit 2 satisfactory work samples during FSFE: Student Teaching. For MS in Education: Special Education choose one exit event: professional portfolio (preferred), comprehensive exams, or field study, or thesis, or professional project. |

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| Completed cohorts | WOU has been licensing teachers for decades |
| Unique Characteristics of the Program | 1) All the courses are offered after 4:30 in the evening or on weekends; |
| Costs | \$14,000 - 16,000, depending on how you complete program |
| Address Disability Ranges >> Proportion of course work | A full range of low incidence to high incidence issues addressed. Students with medical involvement behavioral disorders and autism addressed in specialty courses. |
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