



## Online Special Education Endorsement Only

### PURPOSE

The Special Education endorsement program is for currently certified teachers who want to enhance their teaching skills and become qualified to teach exceptional children. It provides candidates with a well-rounded but in-depth understanding of the issues and strategies for teaching students ranging from five to 21 with a wide variety of disabilities at both the elementary and secondary levels. Our unique special education program offers the courses online to meet the demands of busy educators.

### Program Description

The program addresses the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions to prepare certified teachers to work with students with disabilities in a variety of settings including the general education classroom (inclusion), resource room, and self-contained class. Many teachers earn the LBS1 endorsement in order to expand their teaching skills and elect to remain in the general education classroom, working with colleagues to be able to teach all students well and meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Others elect to work as special educators who collaborate with teachers and other professionals to enhance the access of students with special needs to the general education curriculum and to maximize each student's learning potential, making adaptations as needed.

### ONLINE LEARNING

DePaul's innovative technology allows students to earn nationally recognized, top-quality instruction without ever stepping foot into the classroom. Students participate and learn online so they may develop into successful educators from the convenience of their offices or homes. In addition, our online degrees are backed by the resources of a well-established urban university. From our online system of libraries to our career services center and network of nearly 140,000 alumni worldwide, you'll have the connections you need. While flexible, this program also reflects the high standards set by DePaul as well as Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the national Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). In our online courses, we cultivate a community of lifelong learners who are equipped with the skills needed in today's information society.

### Technical Requirements

In order to have access to DePaul's online programs, students must have the following system requirements: Pentium IV computer running Windows 2000 Professional, XP Home Edition or XP Professional (DePaul no longer supports Windows 98), 512 MB RAM, 40-gigabyte hard drive, 56K baud Dial-up modem or high-speed connection (DSL or a cable modem), CD-ROM drive, sound card and speakers; monitor with 1024 x 728 pixel resolution or better (32 bit true color). Macintosh users must have system 9.2.2 (or higher)

### Endorsement Requirements

Students are required to take six courses to complete the Special Education Endorsement program online.

### Literacy & Specialized Instruction

(24 quarter hours, 6 courses)

- LSI 442 Characteristics of the Exceptional Learner
- LSI 443 Psychological Tests and Methods In Diagnosis
- LSI 458 Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities I
- LSI 467 Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities II
- LSI 468 Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities I
- LSI 469 Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities II

### Field Experience

Each course requires 10 hours of field experience that can be completed in the candidate's own school or classroom. These practical field assignments are designed so that students can apply what they are learning online to make connections between theory and practice and provide opportunities for immediate practice of the assessment and instructional skills being taught. Candidates who are not currently employed in a school will need to arrange to have access to a classroom in which they can work with the teacher to practice newly learned skills.

### ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Special Education Endorsement Only, students must have a bachelor's degree, a valid teaching certification, and submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

- ❑ Completed application
- ❑ \$40 application fee
- ❑ One official transcript from all colleges and/or universities attended
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation from professors or supervisors
- ❑ Statement of purpose indicating professional development goals and related experience (750 words)
- ❑ Resume showing evidence of adequate background for the program.
- ❑ A previous GPA of 2.75 or better

### PLEASE SUBMIT MATERIALS TO:

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(773) 325-4405  
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Web site: [education.depaul.edu](http://education.depaul.edu)  
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### Application Deadline

Start Term	Application Deadline
Fall	August 15
Winter	December 1

### Contact Us:

If you have questions and would like to talk with a graduate admission counselor, call (773) 325-4405 or e-mail [edgradadmissions@depaul.edu](mailto:edgradadmissions@depaul.edu).