Program highlights

In order to respond to the growing need for highly qualified caring and innovative special education teachers, Indiana University Bloomington has redesigned and refocused our preparation program for future special educators.

We offer the program online with occasional on campus or distance education connections to accommodate the needs of working professionals in the field.

Special Education for Indiana Schools Today prepares candidates who are highly qualified in one of three content areas (Language Arts, Math, and Science). Depending on previous coursework and experience, you may complete the program in as little as 28 credits, offered mostly online.

Special Education for Indiana’s Schools Today (SPEDFIST) provides graduate certification and master’s preparation based on the Council for Exceptional Children and Indiana Professional Development Standards. Designed for practicing teachers and using an online format, this program lets you complete special education graduate certification requirements in two years.
The program incorporates an ongoing field based apprenticeship so that you practice skills in situ. Weekly seminar activities focus on building a community of learners and provide an opportunity for learning from fellow teachers and mentors in the field. You will have a faculty advisor to lead you through your program of study.

**Master’s degree and specialty certificates in Special Education**

If you are seeking a master’s degree in addition to graduate certification, you can select from five specialty areas for advanced coursework: instructional strategies, autism, early childhood, behavior specialist, and intense interventions. In addition, beginning in the fall of 2010, the Indiana University Bloomington Special Education program will offer advanced certificates in these five specialty areas as a way for teachers to further their professionalism through advanced training.

For the master’s degree, you complete additional courses in one of the following specialty areas plus a capstone project:

- Intense Interventions
- Autism
- Behavior Specialist
- Instructional Strategies
- Early Childhood/Special Education

Apply online to the Office of Graduate Studies

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