SPECIAL EDUCATION
MILD/MODERATE NEEDS
ADDITIONAL LICENSURE
PREPARATION - NON-DEGREE

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Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

Admission Terms
• Fall
• Spring
• Summer

Examples of Possible Careers*
Special education teachers, all other
• 8.5% much faster than the average
• 36,600 number of jobs
• $62,820 potential earnings

Special education teachers, kindergarten and elementary school
• 2.9% slower than the average
• 193,000 number of jobs
• $60,620 potential earnings

Special education teachers, middle school
• 2.6% slower than the average
• 84,700 number of jobs
• $61,820 potential earnings

Special education teachers, secondary school
• 3.2% about as fast as the average
• 143,000 number of jobs
• $62,320 potential earnings

Teaching assistants, except postsecondary
• 3.6% about as fast as the average
• 1,395,900 number of jobs
• $28,900 potential earnings

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Special Education Mild/Moderate Needs Additional Licensure Preparation non-degree program will prepare students to obtain an additional Special Education Mild/Moderate Educational Needs (Ohio Intervention Specialist) license. Completion of the coursework is a prerequisite to being recommended by Kent State University for licensure, and licenses are granted by the Ohio Department of Education (see ‘Licensure Information’ below).

The Mild/Moderate licensure preparation program is designed for individuals who have a current teaching license and want to become licensed through the State of Ohio to teach students with mild/moderate disabilities, grades K-12. Students with mild/moderate disabilities are distinguished from students with more severe disabilities by greater participation in the general academic curriculum. Mild/moderate disabilities include learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, ADHD, mild intellectual disabilities, and (in certain cases) autism spectrum disorder.

The non-degree program is not a master’s degree program. If you are interested in a master’s degree in Special Education from KSU in addition to licensure, you must be fully admitted into the master’s program and complete the prescribed coursework on the master’s degree plan of study form in addition to the courses prescribed for licensure. Completing a master’s degree in special education in addition to licensure will in most cases require an additional 15-18 credit hours.

Admission Requirements
• Admission Requirements
• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
• Minimum 3.000 GPA
• Official Transcripts
• Goal Statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form
• Evidence of valid 4-Year Resident Educator or 5-Year Professional State of Ohio teaching license

Program Learning Outcomes
Completers of this non-degree program will be able to:
1. Demonstrate knowledge of: learner development and individual learning differences; the learning environment; curricular content knowledge; assessment; instructional planning and strategies, and professional practice and collaboration.
2. Demonstrate the dispositions necessary to be a successful special education teacher/professional
3. Demonstrate preparation for the profession by successfully completing the Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) Special Education Assessment.
Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

Residence Requirement Policy for Non-Degree Teacher Education Licensure/Endorsement Preparation Programs
• Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are a total of 15 credits or above: Students must complete 60% of the coursework at Kent State University, including the course that addresses the CAEP A.1.1 Standard as designated by the program area.
• Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are less than 15 total credits: Students must complete 100% of the coursework at Kent State University.
• Students are permitted 6 years to complete licensure programs and 4 years to complete endorsement programs at Kent State University.
• Coursework transferred from another university cannot be more than 6 years old at the time the licensure/endorsement program is completed.
• Students who do not meet the residence requirements will not be recommended for licensure by Kent State University.

Program Requirements
Licensure Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 37

Progression Requirements
• Must maintain a minimum 3.000 overall GPA

Graduation Requirements
• Minimum 3.000 major GPA
• Minimum 3.000 overall GPA
• Additional Coursework: An analysis of additional content-area coursework required at the post-undergraduate level will be completed before entering into the program, and a Plan of Study will be created based on transcript analysis and current licensure requirements by the Ohio Department of Education. A minimum C grade is required in each of these courses. This coursework would be in addition to requirements for the Special Education non-degree program.

Licensure Information
Prior to program completion, the candidate must demonstrate proficiencies in the following areas (including but not limited to): Data literacy and analysis, use of research and assessment data, leadership and collaboration, utilizing and supporting appropriate technology for the discipline, and application of professional dispositions, laws and policies, codes of ethics and professional standards appropriate to their field of specialization.

Candidates seeking Ohio teaching licensure are required to pass specific requirements in order to apply for licensure from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The candidate must earn the qualifying score on the Ohio Assessments for Educators. Students should consult the Special Education Department for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education - Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.