SPECIAL EDUCATION MILD/MODERATE NEEDS INITIAL 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 Initial Licensure Preparation non-degree program is designed for individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree and want to teach students with mild/moderate disabilities. These students 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.

Completion of the coursework is a prerequisite to being recommended by Kent State University for an initial teacher license in Special Education Mild/Moderate Educational Needs (Ohio Intervention Specialist), which is granted by the Ohio Department of Education.

This program does not culminate in a master’s degree. Students interested in obtaining a teaching license and a master’s degree from Kent State University must also be fully admitted to a master’s degree and complete the prescribed coursework on the master’s degree prospectus, in addition to the courses that are prescribed here 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
Applicants are assessed holistically, considering academic credentials, academic or professional references, non-academic criteria and other specific program dimensions.

• 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
• Praxis Core tests in reading, writing and mathematics \(^1\) (effective spring 2022, Praxis is no longer required for admissions)
All initial teacher licensure candidates are required to demonstrate basic competency in reading, writing and mathematics prior to admission. To demonstrate these competencies, students are required to take the Praxis Core tests in reading, mathematics and writing unless exempted by GRE scores fewer than five years old at the time of application. In order to gain exemption from Praxis Core requirements, a student must achieve at or above the 50th percentile scores on the GRE Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing tests. Students who have not taken the GRE are strongly encouraged to take the Praxis Core tests to demonstrate these competencies, rather than GRE. Further information is available in the Office of Graduate Student Services, 418 White Hall. Competency Test Equivalents:

- Reading: GRE Verbal Reasoning or Praxis Core Reading
- Mathematics: GRE Quantitative Reasoning or Praxis Core Mathematics
- Writing: GRE Analytical Writing or Praxis Core Writing

Program Learning Outcomes

Completers of this non-degree program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of
   a. learner development and individual learning differences;
   b. the learning environment; curricular content knowledge;
   c. assessment;
   d. instructional planning and strategies;
   e. 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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<td>Appropriate Phonics Instruction and Word Study</td>
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<td>or MCED 50005</td>
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<td>Characteristics of Students with Mild/Moderate Intervention Needs</td>
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<td>Developing an Individualized Family Service Plan and Individualized Education Program</td>
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<td>SPED 69525</td>
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Program Electives, choose from the following:

- CI 57504 Teaching Reading and Writing in Middle Grades
- CI 67310 Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Reading
- CI 67312 Teaching Writing as a Process
- or CI 67330 Reading in Content Areas
- CI 67319 Diagnosis and Remediation in Reading

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 59

1. Student teaching is taken after completion of all licensure coursework and in conjunction with the Inquiry to Professional Practice course. Teacher candidates are only permitted to repeat a field experience course once. Please see Repeating Field Experience Courses in Teacher Education Programs policy for details.

Progression Requirements

- Must maintain a minimum 3.000 overall GPA.

Graduation Requirements

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Licensure Information
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.