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

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Services
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About This Program
The Special Education Mild/Moderate Needs Initial Licensure Preparation program is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to become an effective special education teacher. Read more...

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Program Delivery
- Delivery: In person
- Location: Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
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

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

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 2.750 GPA
- Official Transcripts
- Goal Statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form

Application Deadlines
- Fall Semester
  - Priority deadline: July 1
- Spring Semester
  - Priority deadline: December 1
- Summer Term
  - Priority deadline: April 1

Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

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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.

Full 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.

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.