

DEAF EDUCATION MULTIPLE DISABILITIES - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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About This Program

The Deaf Education Multiple Disabilities certificate combines coursework from several special education programs. This program is for students enrolled in a deaf education degree program or who have earned teaching licensure in deaf education.

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Program Delivery

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

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Special education teachers, all other

- 1.1% slower than the average
- 41,000 number of jobs
- \$67,430 potential earnings

Special education teachers, kindergarten and elementary school

- -1.8% decline
- 230,200 number of jobs
- \$63,000 potential earnings

Special education teachers, middle school

- -1.9% decline
- 94,800 number of jobs
- \$64,880 potential earnings

Special education teachers, preschool

- 1.4% slower than the average
- 29,300 number of jobs
- \$62,190 potential earnings

Special education teachers, secondary school

- -1.6% decline
- 164,200 number of jobs
- \$69,590 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

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or current enrollment in a graduate deaf education degree program
- Minimum 2.750 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Evidence of a current deaf education teaching license or in the process of completing (concurrently) teaching licensure in deaf education
- Goal statement and professional objectives
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency requirements - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**
 - Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
 - Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
SPED 53050	CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS WITH MILD/MODERATE INTERVENTION NEEDS	3
SPED 53051	CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS WITH MODERATE/INTENSIVE INTERVENTION NEEDS	3
SPED 53070	PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR TRANSITIONS	3

SPED 53080	ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	3
SPED 63996	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION ¹	1-3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		13-15

¹ Credit hours required to be determined with faculty advisor in consideration of previous professional experiences.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

- Students declared in a doctoral degree should enroll in the doctoral level version of these courses, if offered.

Graduate Certificate Policy

- Students seeking a graduate certificate must maintain a minimum 3.000 grade point average. A graduate certificate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of B- or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than C is subject to dismissal. Students who are unable to maintain academic standards of the College are subject to dismissal for academic reasons. Grades of C- or below are not counted toward completion of the certificate.
- Certificates must be completed within six years after the first graduate enrollment.
- No more than 2 credit hours of workshop may be used toward a certificate.
- Before being eligible to be awarded a Certificate, students must be admitted to the Certificate program.
- Students currently in a graduate degree program may also apply to a certificate program. Their degree seeking coursework may be applied to the certificate coursework with advisor approval. The courses must be completed within six years and satisfy certificate course requirements.
- Students who have a previous graduate degree and are not currently seeking another graduate degree may transfer a maximum 6 credit hours with advisor approval. These credits may include hours from another KSU program, or from another accredited institution, if the following conditions are met:
 - courses were at the graduate level;
 - a grade of "A" or "B" was earned;
 - credit will be less than six years old at the time the certificate is conferred at Kent;
 - and student was admitted as a graduate student at the time the course was taken.
- Some program areas may be more restrictive. Students are advised to consult their program.