

Teacher Licensure – Special Education

Graduate Certificate

Broaden Your Career Opportunities by Earning Teacher Licensure

This 15-credit graduate certificate empowers graduates of Wilmington University's non-licensure Education Studies degree programs to complete the coursework and clinical experiences required by the Delaware Department of Education to earn an initial teaching license. Students who complete this teacher licensure certificate can choose to apply all 15 credits to the MEd in Interdisciplinary Studies in Education.

The program consists of three (one-credit) practicum courses, three credits in performance assessment and nine credits in student teaching. Each practicum course requires candidates to complete 60 hours of supervised classroom experience in an approved setting. Classroom experience is supported by an additional 30 hours of practicum seminar sessions conducted by faculty. The student teaching experience requires 80 consecutive days of student teaching in a setting that is aligned to the candidate's declared major.

Course Requirements (15 credits)

Prerequisites may be required. Visit the program page for details.

- MSE 7991** Practicum I in Special Education
- MSE 7992** Practicum II in Special Education
- MSE 7993** Practicum III in Special Education
- MSE 8802** Student Teaching in Special Education
- MSE 8805** Performance Assessment

Notable Admissions Requirements

Candidates seeking acceptance into the Graduate Certificate in Teacher Licensure – Special Education program must be graduates of WilmU's MEd in Education Studies – Special Education program.

Additionally, candidates must have a minimum 3.0 GPA from the prior two years of coursework and must present an attempt at the ETS Praxis exam in which the candidate is seeking certification as well as an attempt at the Special Education Praxis exam. Please upload these scores as a word document or PDF in the Admissions Portal.

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