

LICENSURE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

For teachers currently holding a General Education License



Program Description We all know that today's classrooms have a wider range of student abilities than ever before. The Special Education Licensure Program at Valparaiso University is designed to give classroom teachers additional skills and knowledge to help all their students learn. You will also earn the Indiana license in special education upon successful completion of the program.

Schedule of Courses A 12-14 month program with conveniently scheduled classes and field work done in your own classroom. The program is designed around the schedules of busy, practicing teachers – through summer courses and field work done in your own classroom. Curriculum & Schedule of Courses

Summer 2008			
Dates	Course	Time	Credits
June 9-13 (Mon-Fri)	Applied Behavior Analysis	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	3 cr
June 16-20 (Mon-Fri)	Characteristics of Individuals with Mild Disabilities	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	3 cr
June 23-July 3 (Online!)	Assistive Technology	Online	1 cr
June 23-July 15 (Mon-Thurs)	Models of Consultation and Collaboration in Special Education	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	3 cr
Fall 2008			
Dates	Course	Time	Credits

At your own school!	Observations of Individuals with Mild Disabilities	Arranged to fit your schedule	1 cr
Spring 2009			
Dates	Course	Time	Credits
1 hour class on campus per week & tutoring in your own classroom (Dates & Day TBA)	Teaching Reading to Students with Disabilities	TBA	3 cr
Summer 2009			
Dates	Course	Time	Credits
June 8-12 (Mon-Fri)	Assessment in Special Education	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	3 cr
June 15-July 2 (Mon-Fri)	Advanced Strategies for Teaching Individuals with Mild Disabilities	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	3 cr
Fall 2009			
Dates	Course	Time	Credits
Practicum in your own school	Advanced Practicum in Special Education	Arranged to fit your schedule	3 cr

Criteria For Admission In general, applicants should have some background in teaching and education. This Special Education program allows for licensure in special education provided a candidate is already a licensed teacher in some developmental level of regular education. Students interested in applying to the Licensure in Special Education program must submit:

- [Valparaiso University Graduate Application and Education Department Supplemental Application](#);
- Two letters of recommendation;
- Copy of your teaching license;
- Reflective essay relating graduate study in education to professional goals;
- Official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework. If you have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Valparaiso University, you are not required to submit an official transcript from Valparaiso University;
- Application Fee: \$30.00.

Financial Considerations Students may be surprised to discover the affordable tuition rate at Valparaiso University. Tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year is \$530 per credit hour, highly competitive for a private institution of recognized national quality. Full-time graduate students pay a \$146 general fee each fall and

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spring semester. Part-time graduate students pay a \$95 general fee each fall and spring semester. [Financial aid](#) is available through direct and indirect student loans for students taking 6 credits or more during fall and spring semesters.

Scholarships Because of the need for teachers with expertise and certification in special education, licensed teachers admitted to the Special Education Endorsement Summer Program are eligible for scholarships up to 33% of the graduate tuition rate. Coursework must be taken at the graduate level. The amount of the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of a student's merit, need, or both. To be considered for a scholarship, the teacher must: apply to and be admitted into the Special Education Endorsement Summer Program, plan to complete the program in 2 years (with ongoing scholarship award contingent upon adequate progress through the program), apply for the scholarship separately and provide evidence of merit and/or need. [Click here to download a copy of the Scholarship Form.](#)

For more information about the Licensure in Special Education program To learn more about the Licensure in Special Education, visit their [department website](#). For more information, contact Dr. Dori Cole, Coordinator of Special Education, 219-464-5475 or doris.cole@valpo.edu. Interested students should [request an information packet](#) from the Graduate School through our website or by e-mailing Graduate.School@valpo.edu.

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