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Dyslexia Endorsement

The requirements for the an Arkansas Dyslexia Endorsement K-12 can be met with 15 hours of study. The state of Arkansas requires a licensure test for the Dyslexia Endorsement.

- ELSE 6314 Diagnosis and Intervention of Reading Difficulties
- ELSE 6343 Clinical Practicum in Reading
- ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II

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Graduate Special Education (K-12) Certificate

The requirements for an Arkansas K-12 Special Education License can be met within a 21-24 hour program of study. Upon successful completion of all required model assessments and the state required assessments, candidates are eligible for an Arkansas license endorsement in Special Education K-12.

- ELSE 6300 Philosophical, Historical & Legal Aspects of Special Education
- ELSE 6304 Behavior Management and Analysis in Special Education
- ELSE 6308 Educational Assessment in Special Education
- ELSE 6333 Math and Science for Diverse Learners
- ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- ELSE 6366 Educational Programming for Students with Mild Disabilities K-12
- ELSE 6367 Educational Programming for Students with Significant Disabilities K-12

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Birth-Kindergarten Graduate Endorsement

This 15-graduate credit hour program is designed to provide advanced knowledge and skills in the area of early childhood and early childhood special education including foundations, development and characteristics of learners, individual learning differences, instructional strategies and planning, learning environments, guidance and behavior management, communication, working with families, assessment, and professional and ethical practice. Upon successful completion of the program of study and Praxis content tests, candidates will be eligible for the Arkansas Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated B-K Endorsement License. Spring and Summer classes.

- ELSE 6300 SPED 101: Philosophical, Historical, and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- ELSE 6309 Solution-Focused Learning
- ELSE 6327 Educational Programming for Young Children
- ELSE 6336 Advanced Studies in the Guidance and Management of Young Children
- ELSE 6338 Instructional Strategies and Assessment of Young Children Learners

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Special Education Resource Endorsement

Teachers holding a standard K-6 or 4-8 license or a standard 7-12 license in a content area of English Language Arts, Mathematics, or Science are eligible for the Special Education Resource K-6, 7-12 Endorsement. The purpose of this endorsement is to prepare licensed teachers in the development of knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to teach and positively impact services to students with exceptionalities in an inclusive, co-taught, and/or resource classroom setting. This endorsement program is comprised of four (4) online courses which are currently part of the 30 credit hour M.S.E. in Special Education and the 21-24 hour Graduate Certificate in Special Education

- ELSE 6300: SPED 101: The Philosophical, Historical, and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- ELSE 6304: Behavior Management and Analysis in Special Education
- ELSE 6347: Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- ELSE 6366: Educational Programming for Students with Mild Disabilities K-12

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State Teacher Education Program (STEP)

STEP is a loan reduction program that offers yearly loan repayment grants (up to \$4,000 per year) to current educators teaching in a subject or geographic shortage area in an Arkansas public school. Teachers must reapply each year and are eligible for up to three years.

Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP)

TOP offers reimbursement grants to current Arkansas teachers and administrators seeking to further their education. Teachers and administrators may apply for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses paid for up to six (6) college credit hours completed for an academic year, not to exceed \$3,000.

Federal TEACH Grant

The Federal TEACH Grant is a grant program (no more than \$4,000 per year) designed to recruit and retain qualified teachers into high need subject areas in low-income schools or educational service agencies.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying income-based repayment plan while working as a full-time educator for a school district.



Looking for Financial Aid to Help You Create the Future?

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