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Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Special Education

Why Should I Major in Special Education at Seton Hall?

The special education program at Seton Hall has been designed to align its goals and objectives with both state and national standards. Specifically, it meets teacher preparation standards known as INTASC on a national level and the New Jersey Professional Standards on the state level. The program also aligns itself with the standards established by The Council for Exceptional Children. It is a vibrant program that combines rich theoretical content with lots of hands-on field work with children with diverse needs.

The Curriculum:

The curriculum within the special education program prepares students for the New Jersey State certification known as “Teacher of Students with Disabilities.” New Jersey state law requires that all education majors have a co-major in a content area (e.g., Art, Music, English, Math, History, World Languages, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics). Other liberal arts majors such as Psychology, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Communication may be taken as a co-major, but they limit certification to no higher than 6th grade. The education program includes four field experiences in addition to a full semester of student teaching. These placements range in diversity from urban, suburban, rural, public, private, and special needs. Completion of this program leads to a Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.E.).

What Does It Take to Graduate?

Students in the education program must complete the required course of study with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and successive completion of all field requirements.

Career Opportunities:

Seton Hall’s teacher preparation program in elementary and special education prepares students to be certified teachers in special education. Job opportunities may be found in an array of school settings. In addition, work in nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving individuals with disabilities would be an alternative to traditional classroom work. Graduate opportunities might involve specialization in an area of study related to special education, such as reading, learning disability consultant, speech therapy or school psychology.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying on-line). Freshmen applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted and those with less than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students that entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Special Education Program Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

60 credits

- A. English Language (9 credits)
- B. Mathematics (6 credits)
- C. Natural Sciences (6 credits)
- D. History (6 credits)
- E. Art History (3 credits)
- F. Music History (3 credits)
- G. Computer Technology (3 credits)
- H. Philosophy (3 credits)
- I. Religion (3 credits)
- J. Interdisciplinary Art, Music, Drama (3 credits)
- K. Speech Pathology (3 credits)
- L. Electives-4 courses in liberal arts

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Special Education Major

18 credits in professional education

EDST 2001 Life in Inclusive Classrooms
EDST 2004 Early Literacy
EDST 2005 Math Methods in Diverse Classrooms
EDST 2006 Science Methods in Diverse Classrooms
EDST 4120 Seminar in Special Education

15 credits in general education

CPSY 1001 Diverse Learners & Their Families, Pt I
CPSY 2001 Diverse Learners & Their Families, Pt II
CPSY 2101 Learning Disabilities
CPSY 2200 Health Promotions for Children
CPSY 3103 Assessment

Combined Major :

All education students **MUST** take a liberal art major in combination with their education major.

Able to teach from K-8th grade with the following co-majors:

English; History; Mathematics; Art; Music; Sciences; World Languages

Able to teach from K-5th grade with the following co-majors:

Psychology; Sociology; Social-Behavioral Sciences; Philosophy; Liberal Studies; Communication.

Note: The number of credits required to graduate varies depending upon the liberal art major chosen as the co-major along with education. The minimum number of credits to graduate from Seton Hall University is 126.

Degree Requirements: 126 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at 1-800-THE-HALL, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu

To talk to a faculty advisor, contact the program director of special education, Grace May, Ph.D. at (973) 275-2725.