

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education focuses on implementing individualized educational programs for individuals with diverse learning needs due to physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral challenges. It emphasizes inclusive teaching methods, materials, and environments to foster successful learning and development for those with disabilities.

COMMON JOB TITLES * additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

K-12 Special Education Teacher*
Behavioral Specialist
Resource Teacher
Program Director

Special Education Coordinator
Community Support Worker
Developmental Specialist

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

K-12 Schools
Special Education Centers
Nonprofit Organizations
Adult Transition Services
Education Companies

Healthcare Clinics
Government
Behavior Centers
Consulting & Advocacy Companies

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Adaptability
Communication Skills
Instructional Skills
Leadership
Organization & Teaching Skills

Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Office
Google Suite
Canva
Common Curriculum
Lesson Planning

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Join the **UNO Student Council for Exceptional Children** to support the local community and individuals with disabilities

Participate with **UNO Allies for Sign-Language** to advocate for accessibility and connect with other students

Volunteer with Organizations in Omaha such as **REACH**, **The Munroe Meyer Institute (UNMC)**, **Special Olympics Nebraska**, **Mosaic**, and more to support people of all age ranges with disabilities, gain new perspectives, and participate in advocacy efforts

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MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

Special Education + Public Administration minor = Program Coordinator

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Special Education + American Sign Language minor = Special Education Teacher (ASL School) *

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Special Education Teachers

Elementary School Teachers

High School Teachers

Community Service Managers

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to accounting jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

With a **Bachelor of Science in Special Education** from UNO, you will be eligible for Nebraska teacher licensure at kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12). However, to receive your license, you will also need to pass the **Praxis II exam**.

More Information:

Educator Certification Checklist

Praxis II Content Test

Graduate School:

Pursuing a master's degree in special education can open numerous career opportunities and provide advanced knowledge and skills that enhance your teaching practice

More Information:

UNO Graduate Special Education

OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook


NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?


Book an appointment with Career Services

Book an appointment with your Advisor

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