

Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Certification Requirements

This program has been developed to give students with a baccalaureate or advanced degree an opportunity to earn instructional level one certification in Special Education from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The program is scheduled in a cohort model to build professional and personal networks. All courses are completed online except for the final clinical experience course, which must be in-person.

Admission Requirements

1. An earned baccalaureate or advanced degree.
2. A final earned cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in their baccalaureate or graduate degree.
3. Admission to Kutztown University's Special Education Program.

Note that all students must achieve 27 to 30 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to be recommended for certification to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The final GPA requirement for Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Certification is 3.0.

Required Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Certification Core Courses – 27 to 30 credits

SPEE 500 Special Education in a Standards Aligned System (3 credits)
SPEE 513 Assessment and Instructional Design for Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
SPEE 516 Literacy Development and Instruction in Core and Intervention Areas Standards Aligned System (3 credits)
SPEE 520 Special Education Processes and IEP Development (3 credits)
SPEE 522 Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities (3 credits)
SPEE 527 Transition, Self-Determination, and Advocacy for Adolescents and Adults with Disabilities (3 credits)
SPEE 528 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (3 credits)
SPEE 530 Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities and Complex Instructional Needs (3 credits)
SPEE 592/593 Special Education Clinical Experience (3- 6 credits)

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