

Online Graduate Certificate in Secondary Special Education and Transition

For experienced teachers, paraeducators, vocational rehabilitation counselors and community employment providers, the online graduate certificate in secondary special education and transition program emphasizes critical knowledge that can help you work toward various transition specialist roles inside and outside PK-12 education settings.

Focus on the skills needed to align school-based planning with transitional programs and services that support young adults who are completing high school and looking for career or post-secondary learning opportunities

Program Structure

- 5 courses taken in sequence
- 15 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as little as 1 year

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- [Letter of introduction](#) stating your area of interest and licensure status
- Three letters of recommendation
- Application fee: \$35
- IELTS or TOEFL scores (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty in a department that has set the standard in the practice of special education for over 50 years
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online format
- No GRE required for admission
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP
- Students can apply nine credit hours from their graduate certificate to the online master's in secondary special education and transition program (requires application and admission to master's program)

Note: This program is not intended for initial teacher licensure or certification; most students are expected to enter the program with an active teacher's license.

Faculty

The University of Kansas brings a rich academic tradition into the online environment. The KU School of Education is equally committed to KU's mission of educating leaders, building healthy communities and making discoveries that change the world. Our special education faculty are at the leading edge of research and practice to improve the lives of children with special needs.

They have:

- Served as leaders of and received recognition from key organizations like The Arc, the Council for Exceptional Children and the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Authored dozens of books and over 1,000 academic articles that guide research and practice worldwide
- Directed tens of millions in federal grant dollars dedicated to the field of special education

What You'll Learn

- Complete coursework in career development, work-based learning, transition assessment and interagency services and collaboration
- Learn to apply effective transition models and programs within educational settings
- Build deeper understanding of the interagency and vocational services that support youth as they transition into adulthood