

SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, LBS1 ENDORSEMENT

This certificate program is intended for candidates for teacher licensure who wish to receive state approval to teach students with special needs at their approved grade level. The certificate prepares candidates to instruct diverse learners with a variety of exceptional needs and leads to the addition of an LBS 1 endorsement on an Illinois Professional Educator License.

ADMISSION

Undergraduate candidates for teacher licensure can enroll in this certificate program at any time provided that they have met the Illinois requirements for admission into a teacher licensure program. The certificate courses can be applied toward the requirements for an undergraduate degree. Please see a professional advisor for more information.

The state requirements for a special education endorsement (LBS1) on an existing license include four courses and a total of 14 credit hours. The first two courses below are required. The minimum grade needed for each class is a C, and the minimum GPA requirement is 2.7. There are no residency hours required for this program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SPED 219	EXCEPT CHILDREN & YOUTH	3
SPED 340	ASSESSMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	3
SPED 342	CHARACTERISTICS AND METHODS OF TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: FOCUS ON COGNITION	4
or SPED 345	CHARACTERISTICS AND METHODS OF TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: FOCUS ON PHYSICAL HEALTH	
SPED 343	CHARACTERISTICS AND METHODS OF TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: FOCUS ON BEHAVIOR	4
or SPED 346	CHARACTERISTICS AND METHODS OF TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: FOCUS ON LEARNING	
Total Credit Hours		14