

Catalog Copy for *Post-Master's Certificate for Director of Special Education*

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Description

Requirements for certification as a Director of Special Education may be met through a degree program (Doctorate in Special Education) or through a non-degree program (post-master's). Students seeking Director of Special Education certification must be admitted to the department as a post-master's certificate student or as a doctoral student. Coursework will enable students to meet ISBE standards leading to the Director of Special Education certification.

Admission to the Post-Master's Certificate for Director of Special Education

Admission requirements are the same for Director of Special Education certification for students in post-master's and doctoral programs and include: a Master's in Education or Master's in a field of related service personnel (School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Speech and Language Pathologist) from an accredited university with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale. In addition, all students must submit to the Department an admission portfolio including evidence of all of the following: successful academic work in education, appropriate certification, teaching experience or related service provision, and appropriate disposition for advanced study in the administration of special education. Specific requirements for application are available from the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Special Education.

Post-Master's Certificate Program for Director of Special Education

Required graduate level courses include: SED 447 (3 hrs.), SED 502 (3 hrs.), SED 513 (3 hrs.), SED 517 (3 hrs.), SED 540 (3 hrs), and SED 598.03 (8-9 hours).

Depending on students' demonstration for mastery of standards at the master's level, coursework may include: SED 410, SED 422, SED 454, and SED 379; EAF 410, EAF 482, EAF 465, and EAF 478

A minimum of 24 graduate credit hours are required for this post-master's certificate.