Special Education, BAE

Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators ignite minds and strengthen communities. Programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offer a blend of instruction and professional experiences that prepare you to ask the right questions, navigate uncertainty and make a difference.

Program Description

Special educators make a difference in the lives of children and families. They are curious about how people learn and develop throughout their lifespan. A special education degree prepares students to understand human diversity, communicate effectively and develop problem-solving skills that support their success and that of others.

The BAE in special education prepares graduates to work with K-12 students with disabilities in inclusive settings. Teacher candidates learn to use evidence-based practices that promote students’ success with general education content, including high leverage practices in literacy, math, sciences and social studies. They develop adaptive techniques for students with disabilities and learn to use instructional and assistive technologies to facilitate success.

Students participate in professional experiences designed to expose them to numerous ways of teaching and learning. These internships and residencies are embedded during the junior and senior years to provide teacher candidates with multiple opportunities to work directly with children and youth. With the support of a certified lead teacher and an ASU faculty member called a site lead, students are able to practice what is learned during coursework in authentic settings.


Format option: This program is also offered via ASU Sync for transfer students who reside in Arizona. These students must either have a completed associate degree or will have completed an associate degree by the time they are enrolled at ASU. ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom. Classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real-time with faculty and
peers. Students can learn more about ASU Sync for undergraduates at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College on the college's website at

Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® benefits for ASU Sync programs should contact the Pat Tillman Veterans Center regarding certain limitations.

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At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Tempe, ASU Sync
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission
Additional Requirements:

The ASU Sync option is only available to transfer students residing in Arizona due to state regulations and student teaching placement requirements. Students should have a completed associate degree or will have completed an associate degree by the time they are enrolled at ASU. Students on I-20 visas are not allowed to complete courses via Sync.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to one of the concentrations of this program.

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Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://goglobal.asu.edu

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts education in special education leads to teacher certification in order to support a critical market demand for special education teachers in Arizona and beyond. Graduates of the program are poised to find employment in any career that supports learners with disabilities. This includes careers
with community- and youth-serving organizations, higher education institutions and health-related organizations. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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**Professional Licensure**

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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