Special Education and Elementary Education, BAE

ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Individuals interested in a degree in special education should apply to the Special Education, BAE or the Mild/Moderate Special Education certificate. Individuals interested in a degree in elementary education should apply to the Elementary Education, BAE or the Elementary Education certificate.

Prepare to educate and advocate for learners in grades K-12. Coursework paired with internships and residencies will allow you to obtain two teacher certifications after graduation and start a career in a high-demand specialty in education.

Program description

The BAE program in special education and elementary education prepares students to work with all learners in inclusive settings.

Since the general education classroom is a viable placement option for many students with mild and moderate learning and behavioral disabilities, students in this program learn to use evidence-based practices that promote success with general education content, including high leverage practices in literacy, math, sciences and social studies. They develop adaptive techniques for learners with disabilities and use instructional and assistive technologies to facilitate success in the general education curriculum.

Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Graduates will complete internships prior to a full-time teaching residency. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a distinctive approach to teacher-preparation, which includes student participation in internships and residencies while receiving guidance and support from faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Professional experiences are designed to prepare graduates to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners.

Graduates earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Mild/Moderate Disabilities Special Education, K-12, Elementary Education, K-8, and an endorsement in Structured English Immersion, preK-12, through the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach
in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate professional knowledge or subject knowledge educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

Format option: Transfer students who live in Arizona and outside of Maricopa County may be eligible to take regularly scheduled classes remotely via ASU Sync. Students can learn more on the college's website.

At a glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Polytechnic, Tempe, West Valley, ASU at Northeastern Arizona, ASU at The Gila Valley, ASU at Yuma

- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 College Algebra
- **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

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.
Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience
Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments, and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad. They can explore how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education, conduct comparative research, and make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools and engaging in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities. Students may visit ASU’s study abroad website to explore programs.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the program are eligible to teach in elementary education grades K-8 and K-12 for the following high-incidence disabilities:

- emotional disorders
- intellectual disabilities (mild or moderate)
- other health impairments
- orthopedic impairments
- specific learning disabilities

They can teach in a variety of inclusive educational settings, including public, charter and private schools as well as nontraditional settings (juvenile system, children's hospital and more).

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.

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