Special Education (Visual Impairment), BAE

Prepare to advocate for and educate blind and partially sighted learners in a wide range of educational settings. Earning this degree will allow you to start a career in this high-demand specialty in education.

Program Description

The BAE program in special education with a concentration in visual impairment provides a strong foundation in evidence-based, high-leverage practices in special education. The visual impairment concentration focuses on diagnostic assessment, orientation and communication skills, and specific teaching methodologies for students with visual impairments. It includes a strong focus on assistive technology to advance learning in the classroom and in daily life.

Students are taught to collaborate with parents, classroom teachers and related service personnel to meet the needs of learners with visual impairments. The curriculum is aligned with Arizona and national standards consistent with the Council for Exceptional Children.

Starting in the fifth term, the program is delivered in partnership with the Foundation for Blind Children in Phoenix, Arizona. Courses are taught by FBC faculty associates and full-time ASU faculty to provide candidates with theoretical and practical perspectives on teaching and learning for individuals with visual impairments.

Some professional experiences take place at the Foundation for Blind Children and within a local school district, providing experiences that prepare students to teach in both self-contained and inclusive settings.

Graduates earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Visually Impaired Special Education, birth-grade 12 and an endorsement in Structured English Immersion, preK-12. Certifications and endorsements are issued by 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.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 College Algebra
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 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 college, 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

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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**
Because of climate change, geopolitical instability or economic factors, the United Nations and other institutions predict that migration is expected to increase globally for the foreseeable future. Learners will be migrating to new communities. Increasingly, educators will be asked to meet the needs of students who speak languages other than English and bring a range of cultures into classrooms and learning environments. Education students participating in study abroad programs can prepare for this reality by engaging in Global Education programs, where they can expand their notion of normal schooling and deepen their understanding of how to foster inclusive and inspiring learning environments.

**Career Opportunities**
Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-after teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. Graduates with this special education degree can teach the visually impaired in a variety of special education settings such as resource rooms, self-contained classrooms and they can co-teach with general educators.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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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.

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