

Mild/Moderate Special Education, **Certificat**

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Earn your teaching credential, and make a difference in the lives of children with a variety of needs.

Description

The certificate program in mild/moderate special education prepares students to make connections and provide equitable learning environments to meet the diverse learning needs of students in kindergarten through grade 12.

This certificate program can only be added to the following programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College in order to allow students eligibility for dual-teaching certificates at the completion of their undergraduate degree:

- BAE in early childhood education
- BAE in elementary education
- BAE in elementary multilingual education
- BAE in secondary education
- BAE in special education (visual impairment)

Students learn how to work and partner with communities and schools to co-construct and negotiate roles and responsibilities in order to deliver effective special education programming. Coursework is grounded in data; theoretical foundations; federal, state and local policies; and a sense of responsibility to student and community needs.

Graduates are eligible to earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Mild/Moderate Disabilities, K-12, from the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

Format option

[This program is also offered via ASU Sync.](#) 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. ASU Sync students need to reside in Arizona throughout the duration of the program. 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.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available on the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [ASU Sync](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Certificate Map](#)
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In addition to completing this certificate and a teacher certification program major, students will be required to earn a passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam and a passing score on the subject knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam in each area an Arizona teaching credential is sought. Subject knowledge exam waivers may apply. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

This certificate requires 19 credit hours. A "C" or better is required in all coursework.

Required Courses -- 19 credit hours

[RDG 413: Elementary Methods for Literacy Instruction and Assessment](#) (4)
[SPE 321: Classroom and SPE Assessment](#) (3)
[SPE 323: Effective Practices and Behavior Interventions: Supports for Exceptional Students](#) (3)
[SPE 411: Special Education History and Law](#) (3)
[SPE 423: Evidence-Based Practices for Students with Exceptional Needs](#) (3)
[TEL 331: Foundations of Literacy: The Science of Reading](#) (3)

*RDG 413 will replace TEL 332 for students adding this certificate to a secondary education degree program.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

This certificate is only open to students majoring in early childhood education, elementary education, elementary multilingual education, secondary education and physical education undergraduate teacher preparation programs in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Students should have a valid Arizona DPS Identity Verified Print fingerprint clearance card.

A GPA of 2.25 is required for continued good standing. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a non degree-seeking graduate student but may not be eligible for an institutional recommendation for Arizona teaching licensure without additional preparation beyond the certificate.

Career opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-out teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. Graduates with degrees in special education may also work in roles such as education resource specialists, interventionists or curriculum developers.

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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