

# Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Arts in Special Education** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through UofSC Aiken.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits and courses necessary to complete the major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Aiken and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The UofSC Aiken Bachelor of Arts in Special Education is designed to prepare you for success as a teacher of special needs children in grades K-12. Your education degree from UofSC Aiken will prepare you to become a successful Dynamic Educator who can plan, instruct, manage, communicate, and grow professionally.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in special education?

There is a great need for qualified educators who can work with students a variety of abilities. This mult categorical program offers instruction in emotional, learning, and intellectual disabilities and, provides teacher education candidates with a wide range of practical experiences in public education settings.

Each teacher education candidate receiving this degree will have a broad liberal arts and general education foundation as well as specific information regarding the abilities and needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. Graduates will be qualified to apply for teacher certification through the state department of education to work in the K-12 classroom.

## Why should I complete a degree online from UofSC Aiken through Palmetto College?

Palmetto College's Special Education program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and holds National recognition by the Council for Exceptional Children.

CAEP advances excellent educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.

## For More Information

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In classrooms across the country, special education teachers adapt lesson plans for students with disabilities and create inclusive learning environments.



## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- 45-60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Completion of the following courses:
  - Composition
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  - College Algebra
  - Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
  - Biology course with a Lab
  - Non-biology course with or without a Lab
  - Introductory Psychology
  - Social or Behavioral Science
  - Humanities
  - World Civilization
  - American History or American Government

## Curriculum

Our education program provides students a foundation upon which the pedagogy and pedagogical content knowledge are built and dispositions such as responsible citizenship, respect for diversity, and cross-cultural understandings are developed.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- Child/Adolescent Education - **12 credit hours**
- Education Assessment - **7 credit hours**
- People with Exceptionalities - **3 credit hours**
- Disabilities (Learning, Intellectual, Emotional, Behavioral, Autism, Severe Injury) - **40 credit hours**
- Senior Seminar and Internship - **15 credit hours**

You'll be prepared to teach students with a range of disabilities (from mild to moderate) and learning needs.