
GRADUATE SCHOOL

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Post Master's Certification- Director of Special Education

Financial support

Graduate assistantships and tuition waivers are offered to selected students as available. Information included in admission materials.

Apply On-Line

www.IllinoisState.edu/apply

Department Admissions Materials

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E-mail: lrhinh@ilstu.edu

Catalog Requests

Ph: 309-438-2181

E-mail: bjguets@ilstu.edu

Website: www.ilstu.edu/home/catalog

Graduate School

Website: www.grad.ilstu.edu

Department of Special Education

Objective

This sequence of coursework will enable candidates to master the standards established by the State of Illinois to fulfill the requirements for certification as a Director of Special Education. Requirements for this certificate may be met through the non-degree post master's graduate certification program offered for this purpose, or as part of the doctoral program in special education. Students seeking Director of Special Education certification must be admitted to the department through one of these programs.

Faculty

The Department of Special Education has a graduate faculty of 20 who specialize in administration and organization of special education, inclusive education, curriculum and instructional strategies, assistive technology, behavior change, transition, advanced assessment and instruction, and other research areas. Faculty areas of expertise by disability include Learning and Behavior Disorders, Severe and Multiple Disabilities, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Visual Impairment.

Entrance expectations

Eligibility for admission is dependent upon the following:

- Master's Degree and current certification in one of the following:
 - Special Education
 - Educational Administration and Foundations
 - School Psychology
 - School Social Work
 - Speech Language Pathology
 - School Guidance and Counseling
- Transcript documenting a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale
- Two or more years of successful teaching experience or related service provision
- 3 letters of recommendation documenting appropriate disposition for advanced study in the administration of special education.

Specific requirements for application are available on the department website www.coe.ilstu.edu/seddept/ or from the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Special Education.

Admission procedure

The prospective student should apply to the University and obtain an admissions packet from the department, submitting the required materials as directed. Final acceptance into the program is determined by the department Graduate Admissions Committee and the Graduate School.

Program Requirements

The program includes a core of courses which address foundational standards, a sequence of advanced specialized work, and professional practice. Semester hours range from 24 – 42, dependent upon previous coursework and demonstrated proficiency in foundational standards.

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