Special Education (Visual Impairment), BAE

Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators ignite minds and strengthen communities. Programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offer a blend of instruction and professional experiences that prepare you to ask the right questions, navigate uncertainty and make a difference.

Program Description

The BAE in Special Education with a concentration in Visual Impairment prepares graduates to work with blind and partially sighted students across educational settings. It leads to dual-certification in Visual Impairment (birth--grade 12) and Mild-Moderate Special Education (K--12).

This degree provides a strong foundation in evidence-based, high-leverage practices in special education. The visual impairment concentration focuses on diagnostic assessment, orientation and mobility 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. Candidates are taught to work collaboratively with parents, classroom teachers and related service personnel to meet the unique needs of students with visual impairments. The curriculum is aligned with Arizona and national standards consistent with the Council for Exceptional Children.

Starting in Term 5, the program is delivered in partnership with the Foundation for Blind Children in Phoenix, Arizona. Courses are taught by faculty associates from FBC and full-time ASU faculty to provide candidates with theoretical and practical perspectives on teaching and learning for individuals with visual impairments. Students take face-to-face classes at an ASU campus and the FBC main campus.

Professional experiences (internships and student teaching) take place at the Foundation for Blind Children and within a local school district, providing experiences that prepare students to teach in self-contained and inclusive settings.

The courses within this degree and concentration meet the requirements for two teaching certificates offered by the Arizona Department of Education: Visually Impaired Special Education, birth--grade 12 and Mild-Moderate Disabilities Special Education, K--12. The program also offers a full Structured English Immersion endorsement (Structured English Immersion, Pre-K--12) to work with English language learners, and provides extensive experiences in integrating technology into teaching.
At a Glance

- College/School: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- Location: Tempe campus, West campus
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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 the Transfer Map search 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 help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Future educators find new perspectives and learn to solve problems through study abroad throughout the academic year, including programs offered over winter and spring breaks. Service-learning opportunities will connect students to educational experiences in local communities. Some programs offer mentored teaching experience. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Graduates are certified to teach in a variety of special education settings such as resource rooms, self-contained classrooms and co-teaching with general educators. This degree and accompanying concentrations carries with it reciprocity with all other states to allow the certification candidates to teach in other states. Additional opportunities in the field of education also exist in terms of state agencies, curriculum design and private school opportunities.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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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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