

# How to Apply

1. View or print the Admission Requirements Checklist for your chosen program.
2. Complete and Submit the Online Graduate Application.
3. International Students will need TOEFL exam scores.
4. Gather and Submit support documents.
5. Additional requirements for International Students.
6. Be sure to meet the posted deadlines.
7. Investigate Financial Aid.
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# Who We Are:

## Inclusive Education Department

We are a group of educational professionals united in our mission to support and honor diverse learners and families, including English learners and those served by special education. We accomplish this by:

- Developing teachers who can effectively teach children who are diverse linguistically, culturally, and in their abilities.
- Collaborating with other departments to expand their candidates' abilities to offer effective instruction to all children.
- Sharing expertise, individually and collectively, in effective inclusion of ALL students.
- Advocating the development of inclusive practices across all levels - BCOE, schools, Georgia, US and internationally.
- Establishing global/local connections and relationships around issues of inclusion, language development, social justice, and diversity.
- Advocating for children and families.
- Utilizing an asset-based, critical pedagogical framework that emphasizes inclusive practices.

In holding others accountable for achieving these goals, we are also accountable to each other.

# Graduate Certificate in Special Education

at Kennesaw State University



# *Impacting Lives*



# What is a Graduate Certificate in Special Education?

The stand-alone certificate is designed for candidates who wish to gain additional knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Courses are available in various formats including online.

Candidates will develop foundational knowledge that focuses on effective use of evidence-based/research supported practices and concepts in instruction, assessment, and positive behavior supports underlying the successful academic experiences and needs of students with disabilities.

Courses focusing on technology, learner-centered curriculum and instruction, learners and families from diverse backgrounds, and critical pedagogy will aid candidates in meeting these crucial needs.



## What certificate level are you eligible for?

Upon completion of the courses you will receive a stand-alone graduate certificate from KSU.

The courses can be transferred into the M.Ed. in Special Education should the candidate choose to pursue a masters degree.

Note: Completion of INED 3304 *Education of Exceptional Students* or equivalent is a pre-requisite for admission.

## How long will it take to complete?

The program can be completed in one year.

# Program of Study

### ***Curriculum Development for Diverse Learners***

This course prepares candidates to develop core curriculum that is universal in design (UDL) and based on research-based practices to meet the varied needs of all students.

### ***Assessment of Diverse Learners***

In this course, candidates develop competencies in administration, development, and interpretation of norm-referenced, criterion-referenced, curriculum-based observation, checklists/rating scales, authentic and informal assessments.

### ***Positive Behavior Management Strategies***

This course focuses on the use of positive behavior strategies at the school-wide, classroom, and individual student levels. Candidates develop skills in implementing proactive strategies for positive behavior management.

