

Graduate Certificate Elementary & Special Education Teaching

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 44 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- This program of study is for individuals with a bachelor's degree who would like to prepare for teacher certification in Elementary Education and Special Education.
- This graduate certificate program option leads to Missouri Initial Teacher Certification in Elementary Teaching 1-6 with an add-on in Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities, K-12 Special Education.

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
4. Entrance examinations:
 - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
 - b. A passing score on the designated Missouri Content Examination or an approved program of study
5. **Minimum GPA**
 - a. Minimum of 2.75 on 4.0 scale in undergraduate categories and 3.00 in graduate work.

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following term.

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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Advising

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