



Pre-Education, Special Education

■ What Is Special Education?

Education is the profession of teaching. Teachers act as coaches, using interactive discussions and “hands-on” approaches to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics, or English. They provide the tools and the environment for their students to learn abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes.

Special education is teaching that concentrates on helping students with developmental difficulties reach their educational potentials.

Special education teachers help students learn coping skills, study strategies and special techniques to help them grasp basic concepts. They play a vital role in the development of their students. These teachers act as learning coaches for both students and their families. What students learn and experience under their mentoring can change students’ views of themselves and the world, and may affect their later success or failure in college, work, and their personal lives.

A bachelor’s degree in education is the minimum educational requirement for entering the teaching profession. This program provides you with the first 2 years toward completion of your bachelor’s degree.

■ Success Factors

You must have the ability to communicate, inspire trust and confidence, and motivate students, as well as understand your educational and emotional needs. You must be able to recognize and respond to individual and cultural differences in students. Flexibility and adaptability are important. You should also be organized, dependable and creative. You must be able to work cooperatively and communicate effectively with other teachers, support staff, parents, and members of the community. You should respect and enjoy working with children and adolescents under challenging circumstances. Patience is an absolute necessity.

■ Career Possibilities

With your bachelor’s degree and proper licensing, your employment opportunities include teacher, instructor and tutor.

Advanced degrees are generally required for director, principal, superintendent, librarian and guidance counselor.

■ Majoring In Special Education

This program is for students who plan to transfer to the University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services to complete their degree in one of the most innovative teacher education programs in the country.

Your first two years of study fulfill UC’s general education requirements and provide a liberal arts education as you begin studies in your selected major.

In today’s demanding world, this program prepares you to successfully help children learn as well as it provides a strong competitive advantage and a good start towards an advanced degree. The National Commission on Teaching highlighted UC’s teacher education program as “exemplary.”

You should be able to complete this program in 2 years, attending full-time fall, winter and spring quarters.

■ Program Requirements

You should check with your academic advisor every quarter *before* you register for classes. Two years is really a short time to squeeze in all of your degree requirements. We cannot offer every course every quarter. If you miss taking a prerequisite for a required course, or don't take a particular course the only quarter it is offered during the year, you can jeopardize your ability to complete your degree on time.

CORE COURSES	Cr. Hrs.
Effective Public Speaking	3
Schooling and Teaching in American Society	3
Human Diversity	3
Computer Tools for Teachers.....	4
Educational Psychology.....	4
English Composition I, II.....	6
Intermediate Composition.....	3
Introduction to Psychology I	3
Child Development	3
Adolescent Development	3
Teaching Area of Concentration electives*	varies
TOTAL.....	92-98

* You must select any two areas of concentration from the following: language arts, mathematics or science. Your advisor will help you pick appropriate courses for your chosen concentrations. The total credit hours of your program will depend on which areas of concentration you pursue.

Students who will transfer to Northern Kentucky University to complete their bachelor's degrees have different course requirements. Please see your advisor for details.

■ Advantages & Special Opportunities

The Clermont campus is on 92 wooded acres located in Batavia, Ohio, in the heart of Clermont County. We are relatively small and our faculty to student ratio is low. You will find our small class size and personal interaction with your instructors create the ideal learning environment. Parking is convenient and at no additional charge. Plus, our tuition is the lowest of the UC colleges.

We also maintain close ties with area school administrators through the Educational Advisory Committee (representatives from the classroom, pupil personnel, counselors, and county board of education offices).

Ties to our local community are also strengthened by the service learning component we recently added to all education courses. You will provide valued assistance in area schools, as you connect learned academic theory to real-world experiences.

■ Admissions

UC Clermont College is an open admissions campus. If you have your high school diploma, GED, or its equivalent, we will admit you. We accept applications all year long and you may start any quarter. Financial aid takes 6-8 weeks to process. We recommend that you apply at least 10 weeks prior to your desired attendance.

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