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Teach Special Education MN Updates

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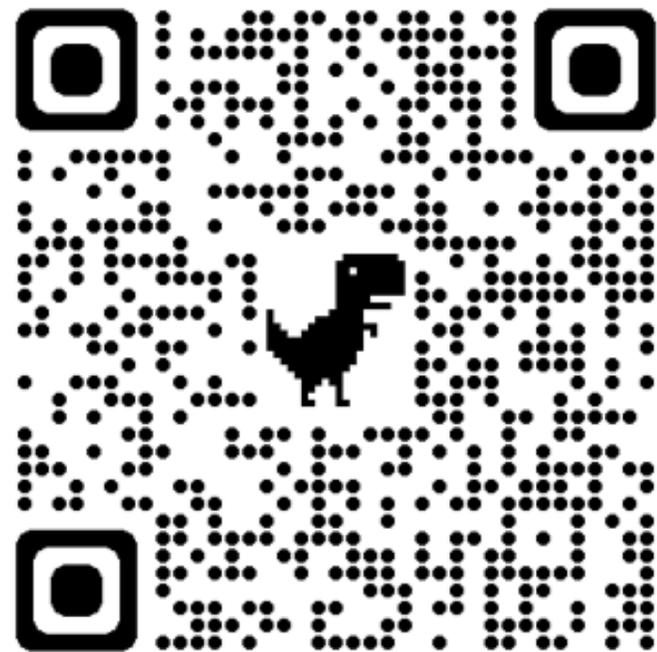
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Teach Special Education Minnesota

Explore. Become. Grow and Thrive.



Explore

In Minnesota Special Education, we provide programs and resources to

Become

In Minnesota Special Education, we provide information about courses and

Grow

In Minnesota Special Education, we provide an array of programs and resources to

Thrive

In Minnesota Special Education, we are continually working to help enhance the

Teach Special Education Minnesota (TeachSpEdMN.org)

- TeachSpEdMN.org is a project in collaboration with our Regional Low Incidence Facilitators, BrightWorks, and Minnesota Institutes of Higher Education
- TeachSpEdMN.org will serve as a resource for prospective and current special education teachers to explore, become, grow, and thrive in the teaching profession
- The vision of this project is to recruit, support and retain excellent special educators and to help shift the public narrative about teaching special education



Explore

- What is special education?
- Why teach special education in Minnesota?
- What are low incidence disabilities?
- Current links to MDE disability category webpages, IDEA, PELSB Supply and Demand Report
- Future links to MDE Disability Category Quick Cards



Become

- Information about becoming a special education teacher in Minnesota
- Licensure information including links to PELSB resources
- Link to Minnesota School Jobs
- Links to our Special Education Preparation Programs in Minnesota
- We are working to include video introduction connecting candidates to colleges and universities with a personal connection

Overview

In Minnesota Special Education, we provide information about courses and resources to help educators obtain certification to become special educators.

Roadmap



Tiered Licensure

Step by step process for licensure through PELS (Tiered Licensure).

[Apply for a License](#)



Initial Licensure

- [PELSB Approved Teacher Preparation Programs](#)
- [Aspiring Educators](#)
- [Licensing Requirements](#)
- [New Year, New U!](#)
- imprintu.org/become/
- imprintu.org/tiers-without-fear/



Minnesota School Jobs

Minnesota School Jobs helps educators connect directly with hiring administrators in public, PreK-12 schools across the state. Discover schools and programs eager to meet aspiring and veteran educators. View current job postings from schools across all of Minnesota and be seen by principals and administrators by clicking the button below.

[Access Minnesota School Jobs](#)

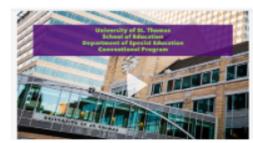
Special Education Preparation Programs (SEPP)

School of Education | UNIVERSITY OF St. Thomas

St. Thomas University

- Graduate Studies: Special Education at St. Thomas University.
- Higher Education State - University St. Thomas brochure.pdf

[Apply Now](#)



The University of St. Thomas School of Education Department of Special Education Program - Panopto video (3:59 min, sec)



The University of St. Thomas School of Education Department of Special Education Work & Learn - Panopto video (4:45 min, sec)



Bethel University

Belong and Become a Special Educator at Bethel University.

- Undergraduate programs leading to Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS) license.
- Graduate programs (initial license, add-on license, and/or Master's degree) leading to Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS), Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities (EBD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), or Developmental Delay (DD) license.

[Learn More About Our Programs](#)



Special Education Programs at Bethel University - YouTube (4:49 min, sec)

[Apply Now](#)



Bemidji State University 2

[Special Education Courses and Programs.pdf](#)

[Apply Now](#)



Special Education Programs at Bemidji State University - YouTube video (9:47 min, sec)



Teach Special Education MN Teacher Recruiting Events

- Two recruiting events annually, with the possibility of adding a third
- Audience:
 - Current teachers adding licenses
 - Paraprofessionals
 - High school seniors

Welcome Back!

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- This event has ended - thanks for participating!
- Review your chats by clicking 'History'; on the left side nav bar.



Augsburg - Group Video Chat

Augsburg University offers a hybrid, K-12 SPED-ABS licensure pathway at both the undergraduate and graduate

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Augsburg - Private Chats

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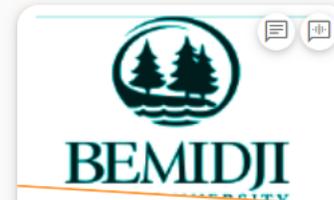
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Bemidji State University Group Video

Learn more about the great opportunities at Bemidji State University by clicking the green

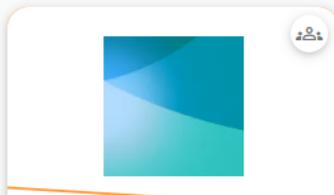
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Bemidji State University Private Chat

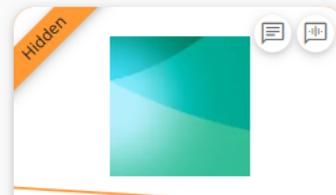
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Bethany Lutheran Group

Enter to learn more and engage in group video discussions.



Bethany Lutheran Private Chat

Enter to learn more and engage in 1-on-1 chats.



Bethel Group

Join us between 10:00-5:00 and for our presentations at 11:30-12:00 and 4:00-4:30 to hear from



Bethel Private

Enter to learn more and engage in a 1-on-1 chat, or join us in our Bethel Group booth!



Our Vision

To bring prospective educators through veteran educators to one place that will provide information from exploring the field of education all the way through to giving back in education also known as the lifecycle of a teacher. Our hopes are to change the narrative of special education making it feel like you have a place that you can go to know what is happening in Minnesota around special education!

Join us in Exploring special education, Becoming a special educator, Growing personally and professionally, and Thriving in the role you have as an educator.

About Our Program

Teachspedmn.org is comprised of a team from the MN Low Incidence Projects, Special Education staff, and Minnesota Special Education Preparation Programs.

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Grow

- Mentoring programs (Minnesota Mentor Program, New Teacher Center, National Center on Intensive Intervention)
- Professional development opportunities including Charting the C's, MN CEC, HLPs, IRIS Center, etc.
- Connections to regional supports

Mentoring programs



TeachSpEdMN and the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children

Professional Development for New Special Education Teachers in MN

Quarter 1: Foundations and Getting Started

Week 1-2: Orientation and Introduction to Sp. Ed. in MN

Week 3-4: IEP Fundamentals

Week 5-6: Classroom Management and Behavior Support

Week 7-8: Curriculum and Instructional Strategies



TeachSpEdMN and the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children, cont.

Professional Development for New Special Education Teachers in MN

Quarter 2: Instructional Practices and Collaboration

Week 9-10: Evidence-Based Instructional Practices

Week 11-12: Data Collection and Progress Monitoring

Week 13-14: Collaboration and Co-Teaching

Week 15-16: Communication and Team Meetings



TeachSpEdMN and the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children, cont. 2

Professional Development for New Special Education Teachers in MN

Quarter 3: Advanced Practices and Legal Compliance

Week 17-18: Transition Planning

Week 19-20: Legal Compliance and Ethical Practices

Week 21-22: Supporting Diverse Learners

Week 23-34: Self-Assessment and Professional Growth



TeachSpEdMN and the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children, cont. 4

Professional Development for New Special Education Teachers in MN

Quarter 4: Review, Reflect, and Plan for Next Year

Week 25-26: Reviewing Student Progress and IEP Goals

Week 27-28: Professional Collaboration and Community Building

Week 29-30: Reflection and Planning for Next Year





Thrive

The purpose of the "Thrive" page of this site is to provide resources to enhance the leadership capacity of special education teachers in Minnesota by fostering professional growth and providing opportunities for teachers to thrive and advance in their careers. We are particularly interested in your feedback and suggestions for this portion of the site. We currently share:

- Leadership opportunities
- Professional memberships



Tuition Supports

New 2025!

Offers information about financial assistance options for educators pursuing special education credentials.

- Federal supports, state supports, and (coming soon) regional supports



Teacher Journey

Overview

Resources for Minnesota tuition supports to help teachers grow in their field of teaching.

 <p>Federal Tuition Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher Loan Forgiveness• Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant	 <p>State Tuition Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grow Your Own Grant• Special Education Teacher Pipeline• Student Support Personnel Workforce Pipeline Grant• Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program	 <p>Regional Tuition Supports</p> <p>Comming soon!</p>
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Are we missing something?



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Recommend us additional information that can be helpful to have on this website for special education teachers.

Let us know!

Feedback



- How did you find the content presented? Any areas you found particularly helpful or areas needing improvement?
- What are your thoughts on the usability and accessibility of our website?
- Do you have any suggestions for additional resources or features that could enhance our website's support for special education teachers in Minnesota?
- Are there any specific topics or tools you would like to see added or expanded upon on our website?
- Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback!



Thank you for your dedication to students with disabilities in Minnesota!

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