OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

A special education teacher provides instruction to students with disabilities. A special education teacher must also plan lessons, meet with parents and faculty members, complete paperwork, and attend to other tasks as they arise. The University of Connecticut’s Special Education program offers programs at the bachelor’s, master’s, sixth year, and doctoral levels. The university offers an Integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s program in which a candidate completes both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in a five-year period.

NATURE OF WORK

Special education teachers are trained in one or more subject areas. They provide academic instruction as well as instruction in life skills. An individual teaching special education must help his or her students to get along with others, develop social skills, and learn study skills. They may work with students from preschool through high school. Their students may have learning disabilities; autism; brain damage; visual, hearing, or speech impairments; or a combination of other factors. Special education teachers help to create and implement Individual Education Programs that are made to fit each student’s individual learning style and abilities.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

Special Education Teacher, Preschool
Special Education Teacher, Middle School
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School
Special Education Teacher, Secondary School
Visually Impaired Teacher
Adapted Physical Education Specialist
Learning Disabled Teacher
Special Education Resource Teacher

UCONN RESOURCES

Integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s Teacher Education Program
Teacher Education Student Association
NEAG Graduate Student Association

OTHER RESOURCES

Learning Disabilities Association of America
The National Association for Child Development

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