

Special Education

Special education refers to a range of educational and social services provided by the public school system and other educational institutions to individuals with disabilities who are between three and 21 years of age. Special education is designed to ensure that students with disabilities are provided with an environment that allows them to be educated effectively. Disabilities that qualify for special education include physical disabilities, such as deafness or blindness; mental disabilities, such as Down's syndrome and **autism**; medical conditions, such as oxygen dependence or traumatic brain injury; learning deficits, such as **dyslexia**; and behavioral disorders, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and conduct disorders.

Related Career Titles

Adapted PE Teacher	Employee Development Specialist	Physical Therapist
Autism Center Mgr-Teacher	Employment Interviewer	Professor
Camp Director	Language/Audiologist	Recreational Therapist
Child Psychologist	Librarian	Rehab Counselor
Counselor	Lobbyist	Research Assistant
Creative Arts Therapist	Occupational Therapist	School Principal
Day-Care Center Owner	Orientation and Mobility Specialist	School Psychologist
Educational Advocate	Peace Corps/Vista Worker	Social Worker
School Teacher	Student Teacher Advisor	Hearing Impaired Educ.
Special Needs Teacher	Teacher - Adult Education	Tutor
Speech Pathologist	English as a Second Language	

Special Needs may include but are not limited to the following: ADD/ADHD, Autism, Brain Injury, Emotional/Behavioral Disorders, Hearing Impaired, LD, MDD, Visually Impaired, Academically Gifted

Related Major Skills

Compassion	Variety of teaching techniques	Knowledge of legal issues
Understanding	Creativity	Well organized
Ability to plan	Work with students individually	Work with groups
Interact well with others	Work in variety of settings	Adaptable and flexible
Patience	Communication with parents	Technology skills
Accepting of differences	Good communication skills	Enjoy challenges

Job & Internship Search Links

jobNET Special Education Job Link

<http://www.westga.edu/~coop/specialed.html>

The Special Education Exchange http://www.spedex.com/main_graphics.htm

Council for Exceptional Children Career Connections/

<http://www.cec.sped.org/cc/cc.htm>

Jobs in Education <http://www.jobsineducation.com/>

Special Education Jobs Board, Virginia

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/professionals/jobs/home.htm>

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Nation Job Network: Education Jobs Page

<http://www.nationjob.com/education/>

Academic Employment Network <http://www.academploy.com/>

K-12 Jobs.com <http://www.k12jobs.com/>

National Teacher Recruitment Clearinghouse

<http://www.recruitingteachers.org/index.html>

The Teacher's Employment Network <http://www.teachingjobs.com/>

Teachers At Work <http://www.teachersatwork.com/>

Teachers-Teachers.com (excellent nationwide database) www.teachers-teachers.com/index2.cfm

Teaching Jobs Overseas <http://joyjobs.com/>

Want To Teach <http://www.wanttoteach.com/>

MonsterTRAK <http://www.monstertrak.com>

National Association of Special Education Teachers <http://www.naset.org/>

Career Planning Links

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos070.htm>

The National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education

<http://www.specialedcareers.org/>

Professional Associations

The Council for Exceptional Children <http://www.cec.sped.org>

Federal Resource Center for Special Education <http://www.dssc.org/frc>

The New York Institute For Special Education <http://www.nyise.org/>

American Council on Rural Special Education

<http://www.ksu.edu/acres/index.html>

National Association of Special Education Teachers <http://www.naset.org/>

Miscellaneous Resources:

Assistive Technology www.dreamms.org

Special Education Resources <http://www.geocities.com/athens/4611>

Special Education and Disabilities Resources

http://www.educ.drake.edu/rc/Sp_ed_top.html

The Law and Special Education <http://www.ed.sc.edu/spedlaw/lawpage.htm>

Special Education Sites

http://www.kusd.edu/favorite/bookmarks/special_ed.html

Dyslexia on the Web <http://www.surrey.ac.uk/Psychology/WDNF/sites.html>

Learning Disabilities http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/lib_Id.htm

AskERIC <http://ericir.syr.edu/>

The Teacher's Planet <http://www.teachersplanet.com/>

Center for the Study of Autism <http://www.autism.org/>

Education World <http://www.education-world.com/>

The Education Web Page <http://www.a1education.com>