

Bachelor of arts-Special Education Degree Program

All individuals are eligible to apply. Saint Martin's University also will work closely with the military and local school districts to encourage eligible employees and dependents to apply for this program. The Saint Martin's University extension sites currently offer various baccalaureate, certification-only and master's programs to almost 400 individuals. Approximately a third of the students are active military, a third are military dependents and a third are civilians.

Clover Park School District employees

Candidates employed by Clover Park School District may be eligible for tuition assistance through their district. Please contact the District Personnel Office to obtain specific eligibility/application information.

Shortage of Washington teachers

The current shortage of teachers is a problem for all school districts in Washington state. Due to projected retirements and increasing numbers of teachers leaving the teaching profession for other career tracks, the demand for teachers is even more acute, especially in specific endorsements such as English as a Second Language and special education. The state's shortage of teachers in high needs areas is aggravated by recent federal No Child Left Behind legislation that often makes it more difficult for teachers to obtain these endorsements.

Eligible candidates

The University's education division currently offers a post-baccalaureate certification-only program for individuals earning secondary and elementary certification at Fort Lewis and McChord. It also offers an endorsement-only program at Clover Park School District for individuals already certificated who would like to add a state endorsement in special education. This program will use the courses offered at these sites, as well as general education courses offered through Saint Martin's extension campus sites and Pierce College. Candidates may enter the program to earn a four-year undergraduate degree, or as a transfer student with or without an earned AA/AS degree.

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About the program

Saint Martin's offers a program leading to a bachelor of arts degree in special education at its extension campuses at Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base and the nearby Clover Park School District. The course is designed to meet Washington state requirements.

For students who have already earned a transferable associate of arts or associate of science degree and who meet the program's preprofessional requirements with coursework from their associate's degree, it is possible to complete the program in two years. Below is a sample schedule that would enable a two-year timeline.

Candidates can spread out courses to meet individual needs. All courses currently are offered later afternoons and evenings at the extension sites and Clover Park School District. A limited number of courses are offered on Saturdays and students may begin the program any term.

Courses to complete

This sample schedule represents courses to complete a bachelor of arts degree in special education in two years for individuals who have earned a transferable associate of arts or associate of science degree and who meet this program's preprofessional requirements with coursework as part of their associate's degree. Candidates may choose to spread out the courses, as determined by individual needs. All courses are currently offered at the extension sites and Clover Park School District in the late afternoon or evenings, with a limited number of courses on Saturdays.

First year

Fall (15 credits)

Term 1 (approx. August-October)

Term 2 (approx. October-December)

Term 1

ED306 (3)

ED370 (3)

Religious Studies (3)

Term 2

SED359 (3)

TED312 (3)

Spring (15 credits)

Term 3 (approx. January-March)

Term 4 (approx. March-May)

SED465 (3)-Clover Park

SED467 (3)-Clover Park

Term 3

ED360 (3)

Term 4

ED484 (3)

ED487 (3)

Summer (13 credits)

Term 5 (approx. May-July)

Term 5

ED371 (2)

ED482 (2)

ED485 (2)

SED463 (3)

ED477 (4)

Second year

Fall (14 credits)

Term 1 (approx. August-October)

Term 2 (approx. October-December)

Term 1

ED486 (3)

Term 2

ED383 (2)

SED461 (3) Clover Park

SED466 (3) Clover Park

SED469 (3) Clover Park

Spring (13 credits)

Term 3 (approx. January-March)

Term 4 (approx. March-May)

Terms 3 and 4

SED493 (12)

ED499 (1)

Summer (9 credits)

Term 5 (approx. May-July)

Term 5

ED424/426 (3)

MED545 (3)

Philosophy (3)

Core Certification Courses

ED306	Curriculum and Instruction
ED360	Classroom Management
ED370	Classroom Assessment
ED383	Issues of Abuse/Teacher as Counselor
ED371	Education Law
TED312	Classroom Technology
ED482	Secondary Reading Intervention
ED485	Secondary Content Area Reading
ED484	Secondary Methods
ED487	Secondary Practicum
ED486	Middle School Methods

Special Education (SED) Courses

SED359	Introduction to SED
SED461	Instructional Strategies SED
SED463	Management Strategies SED
SED465	Transitions to Adulthood SED
SED466	Assessment SED
SED467	Legal Issues/Law SED
SED469	Practicum SED
ED424	Early Childhood Education
ED426	ESL Methods
ED477	Reading Diagnosis
MED545	School Drug Prevention and Counseling
ED499	Internship Seminar
SED493	Internship

Financial aid

Financial aid is available. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at Saint Martin's University for more information: 360-438-4397; finaid@stmartin.edu.

Military personnel

Candidates currently employed by the military may be eligible for tuition assistance through the military. Please contact the Saint Martin's University office at Fort Lewis for eligibility/application information.