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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Program Overview

- Description*** Eastern Oregon University offers the graduate level Special Educator Endorsement Program to teachers who possess or are eligible to hold an initial teaching license or equivalent. This endorsement is required to teach learners with disabilities in the state of Oregon.
- Program Model*** The Special Educator Endorsement is offered through a cohort model over a two year cycle and the class meeting schedule is designed to meet the needs of working professionals. Students are required to begin the program at the start of the cycle and complete all courses in the cycle in the sequence in which they are offered.
- Authorizations & Credit Hour Requirements*** Students in the Special Educator Endorsement Program may pursue a single or dual authorization (early childhood/elementary or middle/high school). A single authorization requires 35-44 quarter credit hours. A second level authorization requires an additional 9-13 quarter credit hours. Thirty credits of course work completed in the Endorsement Program may be applied toward the required 45 credit hour Master of Science in Education degree at Eastern.
- Course Delivery & Schedule*** Students attend face to face classes on the EOU campus in La Grande during two summer sessions. During the academic years, courses are offered simultaneously on campus and through live, interactive IP delivered to selected sites in Eastern Oregon. Web based instruction is incorporated into courses. The program is not offered online.
- Courses in the program are offered during summers, late afternoons and some weekends.

Admission Requirements Completion of bachelors degree
Completion of/eligibility for basic/initial teaching license
A grade point average of 3.0 in upper division/graduate work
Three letters of recommendation
Admission to graduate level status at EOU

Application Procedures Please submit ALL of the following materials:
A completed *Special Education Endorsement Program Application*
A copy of Oregon (or equivalent) Teaching License
Three recent letters of recommendation addressing Teaching ability, scholarship and character
Copies of all graduate and undergraduate transcripts
A completed *Character Questionnaire*
Letters from TSPC pertaining to licensure, where applicable

State Testing Requirement Special Educator Endorsement candidates must earn passing scores on the National Teacher Exam/Praxis Specialty (Special Education) Test to qualify for state licensure. This test is usually taken near or upon completion of the Program.

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