Program Requirements: 12 Credit Hours

Program Purpose

The Special Education Transition Specialist Endorsement program develops highly skilled special education transition specialists who can demonstrate and explicitly explain:

- career development and transition planning for students with special needs;
- the vocational assessment for students with special needs;
- inter-agency planning and service for students with special needs as they transition to adulthood; and
- appropriate community environments, methods for linking community-based instruction, and the inter-agency agreement methodology for preparing students with multiple and severe disabilities for adulthood.

Admission Requirements

1. An earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.50 OR in most recent degree or recommendation from employer.
3. Hold a valid Georgia level four or higher renewable professional teaching certificate or equivalent state-issued, clear, renewable teaching certificate in special education;
4. A current clear criminal background check conducted as directed by the College of Education. Note: This requirement may be waived only with evidence of employment as a full-time teacher of record in a public school in Georgia. Evidence must be presented on the College of Education’s Employment Verification Form.
5. A student must be admitted to the university on a degree-admission basis.

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