

## Area of Interest: Education

### Endorsement

Full

### Certificate

Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Program

[College Catalog: 2026-2027](#)

### Program Location

Online-livestreaming

### Program Description

From [CERTIFICATION INFO: New Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities Endorsements | Arizona Department of Education](#)

ADE/ESS is pleased to announce that the State Board of Education has approved the new Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities endorsements. The endorsements were developed with input from the ADE Certification Unit, Exceptional Student Services, superintendents, human resources directors, and special education directors to provide an additional pathway for certified and experienced general education teachers to teach special education.

**Certified teachers may apply for either a provisional or a full endorsement in mild/moderate or moderate/severe disabilities special education. The provisional endorsement is valid for three years and is nonrenewable.**

The requirements for the full special education endorsements are:

**Full endorsement will automatically renew with the certificate on which it is attached.**

Applicants must meet all requirements.

### Prerequisite Certificate

A valid Arizona Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Early Childhood Special Education, or Moderate/Severe Disabilities Certificate.

### Teaching Experience

Three years of full-time teaching experience in PreK-Grade 12.

### Special Education Coursework

Fifteen (15) semester hours of special education courses to include all the following:

- Behavior management for students with disabilities.
- Special education assessment and individualized education program planning.
- Special Education law
- Methods for teaching students with disabilities
- Language development and disorders

## Practicum

Completion of 45 clock hours of practicum in mild/moderate disabilities special education through an accredited college or university. Practicum hours may be embedded in the special education courses above.

**Contact the Arizona Department of Education:** [email ADE/Certification](mailto:ADE/Certification) with questions or contact them by phone at 602-542-4367.

**Contact Information:** [ElementaryEducation@centralaz.edu](mailto:ElementaryEducation@centralaz.edu)

**Area of Interest Website:** [Education Central Arizona College \(centralaz.edu\)](http://EducationCentralArizonaCollege(centralaz.edu))

## Legend

Bold Course=Required Course

Core Course (CC)

### Special Education Coursework available at Central Arizona College for Full Endorsement

	COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
CC	<b>*ESE349 Diagnosis and Assessment of Mild to Moderate Disabilities</b>	3		*From provisional special education certificate
CC	<b>*ESE344 Introduction to IEPs: Behavior, Transition Planning, and Field Experience</b>	3		*From provisional special education certificate. <i>Includes 15 hours of Special Education Practicum</i>
<b>Semester Credits:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Meet with your CAC advisor and plan your path!</b>	

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	COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
CC	<b>ESE345 Introduction to Speech and Language Disorders in the Classroom</b>	3		
CC	<b>ESE346 Legal Aspects and Ethical Practice in Special Education</b>	3		
<b>Semester Credits:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Research Career and Transfer Opportunities!</b>	

## Practicum

	COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
CC	<b>ESE348 Methods of Instruction- Mild to Moderate Disabilities</b>	3		
CC	Choose one of the following (to ensure a full range of K-12 Special Education experiences: <b>ESE390A Field Experience in Special Education (Grades K-8), or</b> <b>ESE390B Field Experience in Special Education (Grades 9-12)</b>	2		<i>with 45 hours of special education field experience</i>
<b>Semester Credits:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>Finish Strong!</b>	
<b>Total Full Endorsement Credits:</b>		<b>17</b>		

For 2026-2027 Arizona Resident Tuition, please visit [Paying for College](#). Financial aid may be available.

## Transfer Information

AZTransfer [Early Childhood Education](#) Major Guide has a list of transfer programs at ASU, NAU, or UA.

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[CAC University Transfer Center](#)

FREE CAC transfer resources and assistance.

## Career Information

[CAC Career Center](#)

FREE CAC career resources and assistance.

Visit [O\\*NET OnLine](#) and search for Education needed for specific occupations.

- Occupation tasks, knowledge, skills and abilities
- Salary/wages for specific occupations (\$)

**Note:** Use this Program MAP as a guide to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program. Work with an advisor to customize your plan to align with your specific career and/or transfer goals.

## Part-Time Students

Plans can be modified to meet the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number:** 880 \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_