

# SPECIAL EDUCATION - MULTICATEGORIAL

**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.

At Lander University, the special education degree program is built on a foundation of specialized content courses, which addresses the competencies for teaching students with mild to moderate disabilities. These course provide the needed background for multi-categorical certification.

## Career Titles

Some of these positions may require additional training or certification.

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

## Employment Settings

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| Public schools K-12           | Consulting Firms               |
| Private schools K-12          | Marketing companies            |
| Day Care Centers              | Book / Magazine Publishers     |
| Nursery Schools               | Software Companies             |
| Boards of Education           | Staffing Agencies              |
| Colleges & Universities       | Vocational services            |
| Technical Schools             | Correctional Institutions      |
| Nursing Homes / Adult daycare | Federal & State Governments    |
| Public & Private Corporations | Social service agencies        |
| Museums                       | Community Recreation Centers   |
| Community Organizations       | Mental Health clinics          |
| YMCA, Red Cross, United Way   | Group homes                    |
| Camps                         | Medical & Professional Schools |
| Adoption Agencies             |                                |

# ONLINE RESEARCH

- South Carolina Dept of Education: <http://ed.sc.gov/topics/educationsupportsvcs/ec/>
- South Carolina Special Education Coordinators: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/ec/page1395.html>
- jobNET Special Education <http://www.westga.edu/~coop/specialed.html>
- The Special Education Exchange [http://www.spedex.com/main\\_graphics.htm](http://www.spedex.com/main_graphics.htm)
- Council for Exceptional Children: <http://www.cec.sped.org/cc/cc.htm>
- Jobs in Education <http://www.jobsineducation.com/>
- Nation Job Network: <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](http://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/>
- Professions in Special Education: <http://www.specialedcareers.org/>
- 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/>
- Assistive Technology [www.dreamms.org](http://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](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](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\\_ld.htm](http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/lib_ld.htm)
- 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>