

Intervention Specialist

The intervention specialist (special education) program at Kent State University is dedicated to preparing tomorrow's teachers of exceptional learners. The program consists of four teacher licensure areas: deaf education, gifted education, mild/moderate educational needs and moderate/intensive educational needs. We also offer the baccalaureate degree in educational interpreter. The educational interpreter curriculum is designed to prepare interpreters to work with children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) in an educational setting. This program prepares graduates to interpret in both classroom and non-classroom settings within educational settings and to perform related student support activities including subject-matter tutoring and other student support tasks under the supervision of a licensed or certified classroom teacher.

Specialization

Mild/Moderate Educational Needs:

Students pursuing this program will be licensed to teach individuals between the ages of 5 - 21 with mild to moderate disabilities. The licensure enables students to teach grade levels ranging from K - 12th grade. Some of the profiles of the learners may have learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, as well as other developmental disorders.

Moderate/Intensive Educational Needs:

Students pursuing this licensure will be certified to teach individuals between the ages of 5 - 21 with moderate to intensive disabilities such as developmental disabilities and multiple disabilities. The licensure enables students to teach grade levels ranging from K - 12th grade.

Deaf Education:

Students pursuing this licensure will be certified to teach learners ages 3 - 21 who have been identified with a hearing impairment (Deaf or Hard of Hearing).

Gifted Education:

Students pursuing this licensure will be certified to teach learners ages 5 - 21 who have been identified as gifted. The licensure enables students to teach grade levels ranging from K - 12th grade.

Educational Interpreter:

This is the first four year interpreting program in Ohio, and the only program that specializes in educational interpreting. Students pursuing this licensure will be certified in educational interpreting for grades K to 12. The curriculum reflects state of the art topics in interpreting including ethical considerations and assessment of discourse analysis in the classroom. It is designed to prepare interpreters to work with children and adults in both classroom and non-classroom environments under the supervision of a licensed or certified teacher.

Degrees/Licensure

Bachelor of Science in Education:

Ohio teaching licensure, upon successful completion of the required Praxis II examinations, is available in deaf education, gifted education, mild/moderate educational needs and moderate/intensive educational needs.

Graduates of the program in educational interpreting will be eligible to receive state of Ohio licensure in Educational Interpreting (K-12).

Admission Requirements

Freshman admission requires a minimum 2.75 high school GPA and 21 ACT (980 SAT) or 16 units of college preparatory curriculum.

Scholarship/Awards

William A. Bricker Scholarship for Gifted Education majors
Robert L. & Susie Urban Harris Scholarship for students in deaf education
Harry V. & Lucille Workman Scholarship for students in deaf education

Employment Outlook

According to the Condition of Teacher Supply and Demand in Ohio, " ...special education accounts for the largest number of vacancies...."

Data from the 2006 Job Search Handbook for Educators, shows that the top seven teaching fields with considerable shortage nationally are in special education.

Accreditation

The Kent State University Intervention Specialist Education Program is fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Ohio Department of Education.

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