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Minimum ACT scores required within past 5 years:
 Composite ACT: 21
 English ACT: 20
 Math ACT: 19
 Reading ACT: 18
 Science ACT: 18

- Turn in documentation to Co for application:
- Unofficial Transcript
 - ACT Scores
 - Speech and Hearing Test Results
 - Documentation of experience
 - Email copy of
 - Math Test Result
 - Writing Test Result
 - Background Check
 - Ethics Review
 - MM Majors – copy of Praxis 5169 Results

Admission Checklist for Teacher Education and Special Education

Completed	Minimum Grade/Score	Requirement
	C+	*ENGL 1010 or AP English
	C	*STAT 1040 or Math 1050 AP Calculus (Mild/Moderate and Severe majors need Math 1050, Math 2020 and STAT 1040. MM need to take the Middle School Math Praxis Test (5169) for admission.)
	C	*Breadth American Institutions <i>Recommended Course: USU 1300</i>
	C	*Breadth Life Science <i>Recommended Course: USU 1350</i>
	C	*Breadth Physical Science (PHYS 1200 is required)
	C	*Breadth Social Science (FCHD 1500 is required)
	Pass	College of Education Writing Exam <i>Offered the first five weeks of every semester in the YETC. 1st & 2nd exams are free. The remediation process after the 2nd exam is \$100. Number of attempts matters.</i> http://cehs.usu.edu/index.php/students-programs/teacher-education
	Pass	Special Education Math Test <i>Offered the first five weeks of every semester. Free. Make an appt with Co Brunner (435/797-3245 or cosette.brunner@usu.edu) Number of attempts matters. 95% correct required. Only 2 attempts allowed. No calculators allowed. Untimed. Practice test at http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad under Requirement Links.</i>
	Take	Speech and Hearing Test <i>Sign up for an appointment through the Communicative Disorders Department. Cost \$10. Bridgerland Audiology also offers it for free.</i>
	Apply 6-8 weeks before application due date	Background Check. Online application. Go to http://cehs.usu.edu/index.php/students-programs/teacher-education Cost \$84.
	3.00 GPA	Minimum GPA on 40 attempted credit hours. <i>Admission is competitive. Competitive GPA is 3.5 or higher</i>

*Counts toward University Studies Requirements

Note: Two of the Breadth Courses must be University Studies Courses (ie USU 1300 BAI, 1350 BLS, 1320 BHU, 1330 BCA)

Admittance to Special Education is competitive.
Applications are due October 1 of every year.

<http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad>

Information on Special Education Application Requirements

- College of Education Writing Test: This exam is offered the first five weeks of every semester. It is given in the YETC (Young Education Technology Center) located in the Education Building room 170. This exam is designed to test impromptu writing skills. The first two times you take it, it is free. If you do not pass the exam, you need to go through a remedial process with the writing lab on campus. This process costs \$100. <http://cehs.usu.edu/index.php/students-programs/teacher-education>. Number of attempts does matter. If passed on first attempt, get full point for item on application. If passed on second attempt, get half point on application. If passed on third attempt, get credit for writing exam, but no writing test points on application.
- Speech and Hearing Screening: The screenings are conducted by students in the Communicative Disorders Department. Appointments are offered 4-6 hours per week during weeks 3-15 of each semester. Sign up sheets are located outside the COMD office in the Lillywhite Building. The screenings cost \$10.00. Bridgerland Audiology also offers the speech and hearing screening for free. You can look up their contact information in the phonebook.
- Special Education Math Exam: This exam is offered the first five weeks of every semester. Students must pass this sixth grade basic skills math test in order to apply to the Special Education Major. Make an appointment with Co Brunner in EDUC 313 (cosette.brunner@usu.edu or 435/797-3245). Practice problems are on the SPED web page under admissions requirements. <http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad>. The SPED math test may be attempted two times only. If students don't pass the first attempt, they must make an appointment with Darcie to find out how to appeal to the admissions committee for a second attempt. Students must score at least 95% to pass. No calculators allowed. Untimed. If students don't pass the second attempt, they must postpone their application for one year and take a remedial math class before being allowed a third attempt. If passed on first attempt, get full point for item on application. If passed on second attempt, get half point on application. If passed on third attempt, get credit for math exam, but no math test points on application.

Experience is not a requirement for entrance to the Special Education Major, but does count as extra credit on your application:

- Experience: Experience credit can be given for working as a peer tutor in high school with students with disabilities, completing SPED 1000 (Principles of Effective Peer Teaching), volunteering with Best Buddies or Special Olympics or other related experience with people with disabilities.
- SPED 4910 - URCO: Experience can also be gained by volunteering in a classroom with at risk students or special education classrooms. Darcie Peterson, the Special Education Advisor, coordinates this experience. The class is SPED 4910 - URCO (Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities). You can take 1-3 credits of this class a term, up to 6 total credits. This is also an excellent way to confirm if special education is the major you want to pursue or determine which area of special education you want to focus on.
- Experience Score:
 - Basic: Sibling/immediate family member with a disability OR volunteering (with groups like Best Buddies, Special Olympics or religious classes) OR 1-2 credits of SPED 4910/SPED 1000
 - Intermediate: Peer tutor experience in high school with students with disabilities (on high school transcript) OR 3-4 credits of SPED 4910/SPED 1000
 - Advanced: Para-educator in SPED classroom for one year (employed) OR 5-6 credits of SPED 4910/SPED 1000