# Special Education Admission Checklist

**Name:**

**Updated:**

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**Documentation needed for application**

- Unofficial transcript
- Letter to admissions committee
- Praxis 5001 Results (all pages)
- Background Check results
- Ethics Review results
- Documentation of Experience

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**Not applicable**

- Write letter to Admissions Committee
- Why I want to be a SPED teacher and why I think I'd be a good SPED teacher.

**Minimum GPA**

- 3.00

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**Experience is not required but does count as extra credit on your application**

**Documentation of 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.

**Experience Score:**

- **Basic:** Sibling/Immediate family member with a disability OR volunteering with groups like Best Buddies or Special Olympics OR 1-2 credits of SPED 1000/4910.
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**Admission is competitive.**

**Major begins spring semester only.**

**Registration and free practice materials at ets.org.** SPED students must have taken the test to apply. If they don't pass, they can still apply and take the test again before their SPED year. If it still isn't passed, it must be taken and passed before student teaching.

**Take at http://utah.gov/teachers**

**Need CACTUS number from background check first.**

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