

# Online Graduate Certificate in Secondary Special Education and Transition

For experienced teachers, paraeducators, vocational rehabilitation counselors and community employment providers, the online graduate certificate in secondary special education and transition program emphasizes critical knowledge that can help you work toward various transition specialist roles inside and outside PK-12 education settings.

Focus on the skills needed to align school-based planning with transitional programs and services that support young adults who are completing high school and looking for career or post-secondary learning opportunities.

## Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty in a department that has set the standard in the practice of special education for over 50 years
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- No GRE required for admission
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP
- Students can apply nine credit hours from their graduate certificate to the online master's in secondary special education and transition program (requires application and admission to master's program)

## Program Structure

- 5 courses taken in sequence
- 15 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as little as a year

Note: This program is not intended for initial teacher licensure or certification; most students are expected to enter the program with an active teacher's license.

## Faculty

The University of Kansas brings a rich academic tradition into the online environment. The KU School of Education is equally committed to KU's mission of educating leaders, building healthy communities and making discoveries that change the world. Our special education faculty are at the leading edge of research and practice to improve the lives of children with special needs.

### They have:

- Served as leaders of and received recognition from key organizations like The Arc, the Council for Exceptional Children and the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Authored dozens of books and over 1,000 academic articles that guide research and practice worldwide
- Directed tens of millions in federal grant dollars dedicated to the field of special education

## What You'll Learn

- Complete coursework in career development, work-based learning, transition assessment and interagency services and collaboration
- Learn to apply effective transition models and programs within educational settings
- Build deeper understanding of the interagency and vocational services that support youth as they transition into adulthood

## Admissions Requirements

Start your application to the online secondary special education and transition graduate certificate program by first reviewing our application checklist, and then complete the [online application form](#).

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed a bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 should contact an Admissions Advisor for information about provisional admissions.

Our Admissions Advisors are here to answer your questions, please email us at [onlineinfo@ku.edu](mailto:onlineinfo@ku.edu) or call us toll free at 855-639-7799. International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements.