

# Accelerated Bachelor's Degree to MEd in Special Education - Low Incidence

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## **Admission**

To be considered for admission to the accelerated bachelor's degree to MEd in special education - low incidence program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- For full admission, students must have a GPA of 2.750 or better;
- A current Kansas initial teaching certificate/license (or eligible for a certificate/license) is required for admission; and
- Full admission to the WSU Graduate School.

## **Other Requirements for Admission**

- Completion of semesters one, two and three of the TAP course sequence with a C or higher.

Upon completion of the first two semesters of the accelerated bachelor's degree to MEd in special education program, students must submit an initial teaching license to be eligible to continue in the program.

Prospective students apply for tentative admission to the program during the semester prior to the start of the the accelerated courses, no later than 20 days prior to the first term in which they intend to enroll in a course for graduate credit. A student in the accelerated program will be fully admitted to the MEd in special education - low incidence program upon being awarded the bachelor's degree if all admission requirements for the master's program are satisfied at that time and the student has made continued satisfactory progress.

## **Program Requirements**

The fully online Master of Education in special education — low incidence program may be earned under a non-thesis option — 30 credit hours of coursework, practical experience and the culminating experience. Candidates may elect to complete only the 24 credit hours of required courses as preparation to apply for an endorsement.

The accelerated bachelor's degree to MEd in special education - low incidence program at Wichita State University is an accelerated admission pathway allowing students to save both time and money while earning education and special education degrees. A student admitted to the accelerated program as an undergraduate may take up to 9 credit hours that are applied toward both the bachelor's degree and master's degree program requirements. A course taken for dual credit must be so identified at the time of enrollment in the course.

## **MEd Special Education Background Check Requirement**

Upon admission and prior to their first semester, all students admitted to this program must clear a criminal background check. There are two reasons for this requirement. First, it is part of the university's due diligence before placing students in field settings. Second, the check may alert students to issues that may subsequently affect their ability to work in their chosen field. In instances when a student's criminal history raises reasonable concerns that the student should be cleared for continuation in the program and/or its field experiences, WSU may take a range of actions, including rescission of admission or dismissal from the program.

For more information visit advanced programs background check requirement ([https://www.wichita.edu/academics/applied\\_studies/CAS\\_Advising/Services/Advanced\\_Programs.php](https://www.wichita.edu/academics/applied_studies/CAS_Advising/Services/Advanced_Programs.php)).