



CSC
Special Education
Apprenticeship Program
(SEAP)

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About CSC

Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year, regionally-accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability, and its curriculum has grown to offer programs and courses in 52 majors and endorsements and eight master's degree programs.

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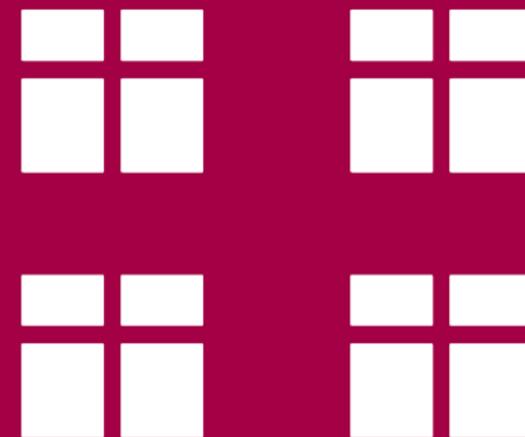
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Grow Your Own

The Special Education Apprenticeship Program's purpose is to provide school districts with an opportunity to cultivate and participate in the training of para-professionals employed within their districts who wish to continue their education to become special education teachers. This unique program also serves as a valuable and effective program for existing certified teachers to add K-12 Special Education Generalist as an endorsement.

Eligibility

You're welcome to participate in the Special Education Apprenticeship Program if you:

- Have a minimum of an associate's degree from an accredited institution
- Are employed at least half-time as a para-professional within a school district
- Are employed as a teacher seeking a K-12 Special Education Generalist Degree or added endorsement

Logistics

CSC will provide required coursework and enrichment activities online, as well as on-the-job experiential learning. Completion will lead to a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with a Special Education Generalist (grades K-12) endorsement. Program coursework will be tailored to fit district practices and expectations. Each course will be offered in an 8-week format, and students can take 9-13 credit hours each semester.

Participants will move through program courses as a cohort in separate classes than traditional undergraduate students, and their assignments will be tailored to their non-traditional experience. The cohort will be monitored, advised, and supported by CSC faculty and staff, as well as a CSC Education Program liaison who will facilitate the students' progress.

Timeline

Years 1-2

The schedule is divided into summer, fall, and spring semesters. Depending upon each student's needs, participants will complete up to 13 credits of various education and special education courses before beginning their senior year.

Student Teaching

At this time, participants will need to be released from a portion of their duties, so they can complete their required student teaching in a classroom with an assigned cooperating teacher. Participants will complete senior level courses and student teaching over one academic year. The student teacher will complete one 8-week student teaching experience during the fall semester and another during the spring semester. Throughout the remaining weeks of each semester, the participant will shadow various individuals throughout the school and is free to serve the district in other ways.

Graduation

Before graduation, students must pass the Praxis II Content test. At the completion of the program, students will graduate from Chadron State College and apply for teaching licensure, resulting in a Bachelor of Science degree with a valid Nebraska K-12 Special Education Generalist teaching endorsement. Interstate certification can be conveniently acquired.

