

# Special Education Admission Checklist

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 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Utah State University</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">EMMA ECCLES JONES COLLEGE OF EDUCATION &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</p>		 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">USU SPED</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Shape Lives! Be a Special Educator!</p>	
<p><b>Darcie Peterson, Advisor</b>                  darcie.peterson@usu.edu                  Education 371, (435)797-3252                  Appointments?                  *calendar.sper.usu.edu                  *or call (435) 797-3245</p>	<p>Minimum ACT scores required within past 5 years:                  Composite ACT: 21                  English ACT: 20                  Math ACT: 19                  Reading ACT: 18                  Science ACT: 18</p>	<p>Documentation needed for application to major:                  * Unofficial Transcript                  * Copy of ACT scores                  * Writing Test results                  * Background Check results                  * Ethics Review results                  * Speech and Hearing Test results                  * Passed Praxis results (all pages)</p>	
<b>Completed?</b>	<b>Minimum Grade/Score</b>	<b>USU Requirement</b>	<b>Notes/ Requirements</b>
	C+	<b>ENGL 1010</b>	
	C	<b>MATH 1050</b>	
	C	<b>MATH 2010 or MATH 2020 Mild/Moderate or Severe only</b>	
	C	<b>Breadth American Institutions (BAI)</b>	
	C	<b>Breadth Life Science (BLS)</b>	
	C	<b>PHYS 1200 required (BPS)</b>	
	C	<b>FCHD 1500 required (BSS)</b>	
	Pass	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>College of Education Writing Exam</b>                  Offered the first five weeks of every semester. 1st &amp; 2nd exam are free. The remediation process for 3rd attempt is \$100.</p>	<p>More information can be found at  <a href="http://writing.usu.edu/htm/education-students/writing-exam-tips">http://writing.usu.edu/htm/education-students/writing-exam-tips</a> OR  <a href="http://cehs.usu.edu/index.php/students-programs/teacher-education">http://cehs.usu.edu/index.php/students-programs/teacher-education</a></p>
	Take	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speech and Hearing Test</b>                  A basic audiometric evaluation can be done through a hearing clinic or private audiologist.</p>	<p>Offered weeks 3-15 fall and spring semesters in the COMD Department. Offered anytime from Bridgerland Audiology.</p>
	Pass all sections	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Praxis Exam</b>                  Mild/Moderate: 5169 Middle School Math                  Severe and Birth to 5: 5001 Elementary Multiple Subjects</p>	<p>Registration and free practice materials at ets.org</p>
	See scores above	<b>ACT or Residual ACT Scores</b>	<p>Provide ACT or ACT residual scores taken within last 5 years</p>
	Pass	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Background Check</b>                  Online application at <a href="http://utah.gov/teachers">http://utah.gov/teachers</a></p>	<p>Cost \$50 (\$40 to apply to state and \$10 for fingerprinting)</p>
	Pass	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ethics Review</b>                  Need CACTUS number from background check first.</p>	<p>Take at <a href="http://utah.gov/teachers">http://utah.gov/teachers</a></p>
	<p>Experience is not required but does count as extra credit on your application.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Experience Score:  <u>Basic:</u> 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.  <u>Intermediate:</u> Peer tutor in high with students with disabilities OR 3-4 credits of SPED 1000/4910  <u>Advanced:</u> Para-educator (aide) in SPED classroom for one year OR 5-6 credits of SPED 1000/4910</p>
	3.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum GPA</b>                  Apply by October 10.  <a href="http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad">http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad</a></p>	<p>Admission is competitive.                  Competitive GPA 3.5 or higher                  Major begins spring semester only.</p>