

# ONLINE

## Early Childhood Pre-K Special Education Academy

College of Education and Health Professions



### EARN YOUR TEACHING ENDORSEMENT

Practicing Arkansas teachers, expand your skills to meet the diverse needs of Pre-K students with disabilities in early childhood settings while earning an Arkansas endorsement in Early Childhood Pre-K Special Education, paid for with an Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grant.

### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- 100% online courses
- Complete in one year
- 12 credit hours
- GRE exempt
- Start spring 2024
- 3.0 GPA or higher required

### SCHOLAR SUPPORT

- Synchronous spring orientation
- Dedicated support from faculty with expertise in early childhood special education
- Innovative distance learning and field experience technologies
- Continuous support throughout year of coursework

### COURSES

- SPED 5013 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education, **Spring**
- SPED 5023 Inclusive Practices in ECSE, **Summer**
- SPED 5033 Family and Professional Partnerships in ECSE, **Fall**
- SPED 5043 Assessment and Programming in ECSE, **Fall**

### COURSES COUNT TOWARD A MASTER'S DEGREE

Teachers can apply the 12 credit hours in this program toward the 36 hours required for an M.Ed. in Special Education degree from the U of A.

Courses from other institutions or academic programs may not be substituted. Candidates must maintain a B or higher for each course and have a 3.0 GPA or better at the conclusion of all coursework to successfully complete the endorsement requirements.

Our online programs are designed to meet the educational requirements for occupational licensing in the state of Arkansas. Visit [online.uark.edu/about/academic-approval.php](https://online.uark.edu/about/academic-approval.php) for institutional and program authorization and licensure eligibility information for each state.

## 25 FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

cover tuition, books and fees for  
certified practicing Arkansas teachers!

### CONTACT

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### HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the DESE Academy Interest Form at [dese.ade.arkansas.gov](https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov)
2. Once linked to the University of Arkansas Academy program, [apply to the U of A Graduate School](#) ([apply.uark.edu](https://apply.uark.edu)) as a non-degree seeking student.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Currently licensed teacher in Early Childhood Pre-K, Early Childhood P-4, or Elementary Education K-6
- Currently employed in an Arkansas public school or educational cooperative on behalf of a school district to serve students with disabilities
- Able to complete all requirements in one year



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