

# DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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The Department of Counseling and Special Education blends top-tier, accredited programs in counselor education and special education and disability policy to create a unique, interdisciplinary academic environment for students and faculty. The department's primary mission is to prepare graduates to be leaders, ready to make a difference in people's lives. Courses emphasize applicable learning, incorporating the practical tasks and situations students will be faced with on the job.

The nationally recognized faculty members provide guidance and support, allowing students to fully explore their areas of interest. The department provides the tools that help students examine, refine and challenge current methods and scholarship and to use evidence-based research. Learn more by visiting the Department of Counseling and Special Education webpage (<https://soe.vcu.edu/meet-the-departments/>).

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Bachelor of Science in Education in Special Education and Teaching.

- Special Education and Teaching, Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/special-education-bsed/>)
- Special Education and Teaching, Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) with a concentration in early childhood (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/special-education-teaching-bsed-concentration-early-childhood/>)
- Disability Studies, Certificate in (Undergraduate certificate) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/disability-studies-cert/>)
- Early intervention and early childhood special education, minor in (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/early-intervention-minor/>)
- Mental health, wellness and counseling, minor in (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/mental-health-wellness-counseling-minor/>)
- Special education, minor in (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/education/counseling-special-education/special-education-minor/>)