



# Your pathway to making a difference

## STARTING EDUCATION:

IN HIGH SCHOOL

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### SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) PROGRAMS:

## EDUCATOR PATHWAY

This program consists of five courses that would enable school districts to recruit potential teacher candidates while still in high school. The Educator Pathway Program provides high school students interested in entering the teaching field the opportunity to take dual credit while still in high school, which will count towards both graduation requirements and college credit.

For more information, visit: [TEACHING ND - Education Pathway Project](#)

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNICIAN

Candidates must have completed forty semester hours of college education in the area of special education and have a two-credit transcribable minimum of one hundred clock hours of fieldwork experience.

For more information on coursework completion, contact: Minot State University (701-858-3050) or Certification Central (701-322-4429)

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## PARA TO TEACHER

The Para to Teacher Program seeks to attract special education paraprofessionals by transitioning them into licensed special education teachers.

For more information, contact Holly Pedersen at Minot State University: [holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu) or visit MSU's Para to Teacher website at [MSU - Paraprofessional to Teacher Pathway \(PTP\) \(minotstateu.edu\)](#)

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## RESIDENT TEACHER

This program consists of a one-year experience in which a first-year teacher in the school district has full responsibility of a caseload, is mentored by a master-level teacher, and is enrolled in seven to nine graduate credits a semester at UND.

For more information go to: <https://education.und.edu/academics/tlpp/rtp-special-ed.html>

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## TRAINEESHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Traineeship Scholarship program increases graduate-level endorsed special educators by offering a scholarship for coursework to retrain current educators in special education endorsement areas.

For more information go to: [Traineeship Scholarship Program \(nd.gov\)](#)