

Six Options for Special Education Licensure

Option 1.

A regularly licensed teacher can add special education by passing a special education Praxis test, then applying for the Major Equivalency Endorsement for Praxis Testing.

Option 2.

A regularly licensed teacher can add special education by applying for a special education endorsement as a Plan on File. This means they apply online to add the endorsement in their NDTeach account and then upload the following documents:

- Transcript showing completion of 3 semester hours of special education coursework
- Proof of enrollment in two special education courses for the upcoming semester
- A signed and dated letter from a school administrator or special education director requesting a special education Plan on File, including the name of their special education mentor teacher

The Plan on File is good for a year at a time for up to three years. To renew, email updated transcripts showing progress toward special education coursework and a new request letter from administrator, requesting Plan on File be extended for another year.

Option 3.

A regularly licensed teacher can teach special education with a special education minor.

Option 4.

A person with any bachelor's degree can do the American Board pathway to licensure. They need to complete the American Board tests for Elementary and Special Education (3 total tests). Once they have passed all 3 tests, then they can apply for the American Board License. They would be licensed for Elementary and Special Education. See more details at <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/american-board>.

Option 5.

A person with a bachelor's degree and 30 credits of special education coursework complete can apply for an Alternate Access License. This may also be available when working with the UND Resident Teacher Program.

Option 6.

A regularly licensed teacher can complete all the courses for a Special Education Minor Equivalency Endorsement. This cannot be a Plan on File. For more information contact ESPB.