

Six Options to Special Education Licensure

Option 1

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

Option 2

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A regularly licensed teacher can add SPED by applying for a SPED Endorsement as a Plan on File. This means they apply online to add the endorsement in their ND Teach account and then upload the following documents: transcript showing 3 SH of SPED coursework is complete, proof of enrollment in two SPED courses for the upcoming semester, and letter, signed and dated, from school administrator requesting a SPED Plan on file and naming a SPED mentor for the teacher.

- a. Plan on file is good for a year at a time for up to 3 years.
- b. To renew, email updated transcripts showing progress with SPED coursework and a new request letter from administrator, requesting plan on file to be extended for another year.

Option 3

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

Option 4

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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 SPED (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 here: <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/american-board>

Option 5

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A person with a four-year degree and 30 credits of SPED coursework complete can apply for an Alternate Access License. This may also be available when working with the UND Resident Teacher Program.

Option 6

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A regularly licensed teacher can complete all the courses for a SPED Minor Equivalency Endorsement. This can't be a plan on file. Here is a link to more information: <https://www.nd.gov/espb/sites/www/files/documents/SFN-62432-Special-Education-Minor-Equivalency.pdf>