

# Special Education Endorsement



**MORE CONVENIENT. MORE AFFORDABLE. MORE RELEVANT.**

The Special Education Endorsement prepares you to educate students with Specific Learning Disabilities, Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities.

Expand your knowledge of exceptionalities and diverse needs and connect that knowledge to real experiences. The endorsement program is offered in a cohort style to enhance the teachers' ability to collaborate with professionals and families—a vital part of working with students with special needs.

Applicants to the endorsement program must already have their initial licensure in either Elementary Education or Secondary Education in one of five content areas (Social Studies, Math, English, Science, Biology). In addition to completing the five courses, students must pass the Praxis II (Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications) and complete a significant field placement experience during the semester they are enrolled in advanced methods courses (EDUC 564 and EDUC 566).

The completion of the endorsement program may also lead to a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with Specialization in Special Education with just 6 additional courses.

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# Princeton Review ranks Shepherd University as among the best Southeastern Colleges.

## Program of Study

- EDUC 560 Survey of Exceptionalities
- EDUC 525 Collaborative Methods in the Inclusive Classroom
- EDUC 562 Individualized Education Planning
- EDUC 564 Advanced Methods: High Incidence Disabilities (SLD, EBD)
- EDUC 566 Advanced Methods: Low Incidence Disabilities (ID)

Special tuition rates may apply for teachers that work for a Board of Education that is participating in a Strategic Alliance Program.

## About Shepherd University at Martinsburg

From its beginnings over 130 years ago, Shepherd University has evolved into the region's premier center of higher learning. The Martinsburg Center makes both undergraduate and graduate studies more convenient, more affordable and more relevant for students.

- Location close to Interstate 81 Exit 16E, convenient to Charles Town, Martinsburg, Hagerstown, Winchester and surrounding areas
- Quality programs at a reasonable cost—visit [shepherd.edu/faoweb](http://shepherd.edu/faoweb) for information about grants, loans, scholarships, payment plans and more
- Curriculum designed to address current topics and foster critical and creative thinking
- Exceptional instruction from dedicated faculty who are experts in their fields

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