

Special Education: Generalist

Master of Arts



Diversity, Engagement and Flexibility

Earn your Special Education Generalist master's degree or licensure in a nationally-ranked education program with a graduate employment rate that exceeds 95 percent. Founded in 1954, UNC's School of Special Education is committed to excellence in basic and advanced teacher preparation in special education. We provide opportunities to interact with special needs students, educators and community members

on a level you won't find in most programs. And whether you study on campus or online, you'll work closely with top faculty who are accessible and engaged, and students from around the world who bring diverse perspectives to the classroom. Our expert, experienced faculty work to develop educators who advocate for children and youth with exceptionalities and their families.

Career Pathway

The Special Education Generalist Master of Arts degree is designed to prepare special educators to work with K-12 students across a range of abilities, from significant support needs to mild/moderate disabilities. Graduates find employment in a variety of settings, including:

- Special education teacher
- Special education case manager
- Instructional coordinator
- Post-secondary instructor
- Pediatric hospital director
- Fundraising professional
- Lobbyist

Degree Options

The program is offered fully online, or a student can elect in-person options on our Greeley campus.

- Accelerated degree options are available
- Teaching Licensure option is available for students who already have a teaching license and/or a master's degree from past studies.

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Extended Campus Delivery: Online, start any term, more at [UNCO.EDU/EXTENDED](https://unco.edu/extended)
- Credits Required: 30
- Time to completion: Two years
- Classes Start: Fall, Spring or Summer semesters

Related Programs

- Special Education: Early Childhood Education, M.A.
- Special Education: Gifted and Talented, M.A.
- Special Education: Intervention Specialist, M.A.
- Teaching Diverse Learners Dual Enrollment, M.A. (Special Education and Culturally Linguistically Diverse Students)

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2018-19 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$550 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,102 per credit hour plus fees.

Extended Campus: \$520 per credit hour.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit UNCO.EDU/COSTS.

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Competitive targeted scholarships for students going into the area of special education

For more information contact Financial Aid at UNCO.EDU/OFA.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Francie Murry

Francie Murry earned her Ph.D. in Special Education at the University of Virginia. Her research interests include ways to promote effective programs and treatment for students with special needs, specifically behavioral and emotional disorders. She also specializes in special education law and anger management techniques involving emotional competence training.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body from 58 Colorado counties, 47 states and 34 countries. Given its size, program mix and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC—home of Higher Education at Eye Level.



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