CAREERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Degrees and Careers

1. WHAT TO ASK
   - Do I have the skills to work with students with special needs?
   - What degrees are required?
   - Where will I work?

2. CAREER BASICS
   - Work in elementary/secondary schools with students with disabilities
   - Teach at each student's pace
   - Develop student life skills
   - Work with general education teachers to include students
   - Off during holidays and summer

3. TEACHING IN-DEPTH
   - Assess student's learning progress
   - Work with students struggling with disabilities
   - Specialize in skills and strategies to help students with disabilities
   - Must earn bachelor's degree before teaching

4. SALARIES
   - Expected to remain competitive
   - Median annual wage is $57,782
   - May earn a higher-than-average salary with advanced certification
   - Area growth in many districts and states

5. JOB GROWTH, PROSPECTS & OUTLOOK
   - Job growth is expected to be 6% through 2022
   - Demand for teachers with specialized skills/certification will increase

6. STEPS TO BECOMING A SPED TEACHER
   - Complete an approved program (undergraduate/graduate)
   - Take course work in teaching students with special needs
   - Obtain teaching license from your state

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Salary data from https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/special-education-teacher