



Pathway: Special Education

Get the Facts:

Special Education graduates teach elementary and secondary school subjects to educationally and physically handicapped students. It also includes teachers who specialize and work with audibly and visually handicapped students and those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally impaired.

Workforce Trends:

Employment of Special Education Teachers is projected to GROW 6 percent from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

Employment growth will be driven by continued demand for special education services. Many job opportunities will stem from the need to replace teachers who leave the occupation.

Special Education:

- High demand
- Medium demand
- High skill

Occupation Outlook:



The Utah statewide annual median wage:

Special Education Teacher
\$35,000-\$42,000

(Depending on which school district)

College and Career:

There are a number of options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.

- BYU – BS Special Education
- BYUI – BS Special Education; BS Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education
- USU – BS Special Education w/ 3 emphases
- WSU – BS Special Education- Mild/ Moderate emphasis
- U of U – BS Special Education w/ 5 emphases
- UVU – BS Special Education
- SUU – BS Special Education
- USU/E – BS Special Education
- SLCC – AS Education
- SNOW – AS Education

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