

# ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CROSS CATEGORICAL

## IMPACT AND INSPIRE SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The Accelerated Cross Categorical Special Education program focuses on developing individuals into strong, compassionate, and highly-skilled K-12 special education teachers. Earn your bachelor's degree and Wisconsin teaching license in three years with online courses delivered in 8-week sessions. In-person field experiences are required to establish your classroom skills and interactions with varying age levels and disabilities.

Your studies in special education include a solid liberal arts foundation, a Christian emphasis, and specialized coursework that gives you the confidence and experience to teach, lead, and mentor K-12 students with a wide variety of special needs.

## FLEXIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE



8-week online courses



Acceptances occur throughout the year



Multiple start dates in the fall, spring, and summer



Option to earn a Lutheran or Christian teacher diploma for additional credits.



Transfer up to 84 credits



Military friendly

## FIELD EXPERIENCES

- Field experiences occur in schools that are located near to you
- Required during each semester of the program
- Applicants with classroom work experience may apply to earn up to six field experience credits

## FREE CREDIT TRANSFER EVALUATION

If you have college credits from another institution, send your unofficial transcripts to [accelerated.admissions@cuw.edu](mailto:accelerated.admissions@cuw.edu) for a free credit transfer evaluation.

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

### THEORETICAL COMPONENT COURSES

Nature of the Exceptional Child

Human Learning

The Profession & Ethics of Teaching

### PRACTICAL COMPONENT: REGULAR EDUCATION COURSES

The Art & Science of Teaching Reading

Teaching Writing: Grades 4-12

Instruction & Assessment of Reading

Curriculum & Methods in Language Arts & Social Studies

Curriculum & Methods in STEM

Data & Space: Teaching PreK-9

### PRACTICAL COMPONENT: SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES

Collaboration with Family and Professionals in a Diverse Society

Educational/Behavioral Management in Special Education

Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities

Instruction and Transition for Adolescents with Disabilities

Curricular Adaptations for Learners with Disabilities

Assessment Strategies for Diverse Learners

Special Education Law and IEPs

### STUDENT TEACHING 1 & 2

### CLINICAL FIELD WORK 1-7

*\*Courses and program goals subject to change*

*This is a program for Wisconsin teacher licensure. This program does NOT grant graduates a Michigan teacher license. A Michigan resident who takes this program would earn both a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and a Wisconsin license. If he/she wanted to transfer that license to Michigan (or any other state), there is a process outlined by the individual state education departments. For Michigan residents, the Michigan Department of Education would outline the steps necessary to see if a license can be transferred.*

## PROGRAM FORMAT



- Online plus in-person field experiences in schools
- Comfort of your own home
- No assigned class times
- Flexible course offerings
- Instructor and Academic and Career Advisor support

## TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many scholarships available for post-traditional learners. Go to [cuw.edu/uncommon-scholarships](https://cuw.edu/uncommon-scholarships) for more information.

For more information on tuition costs, please visit [cuw.edu/tuition-acc](https://cuw.edu/tuition-acc).

## ACCREDITATION

Concordia University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](https://hlcommission.org)), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approved.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**All students applying for admission to the program must submit:** Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. In cases where you have less than 60 transferable credits, an official high school transcript or proof of GED must also be submitted.

## NEXT STEPS

### 1. Submit your application

Go to [cuw.edu/apply](https://cuw.edu/apply). Select the Adult Accelerated option. Fill out the form and submit your online application.

### 2. Apply for financial aid

All students are eligible to be reviewed for financial aid. Students will need to complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Use the school code **003842**. Questions? Contact Concordia's Financial Aid Office: [finaid@cuw.edu](mailto:finaid@cuw.edu) • 262-243-4569

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:**  
[CUW.EDU/BA-SPED-ACC](https://cuw.edu/ba-sped-acc)



**INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM?**

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