

# **SPECIAL EDUCATION (BSED) - GENERAL CURRICULUM - READING CONCENTRATION**

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## **Program Overview**

The Special Education program at Columbus State University provides pre-service teachers a solid knowledge base emphasizing contemporary theory and research. In the first two years, a pre-professional special education major completes studies which establish eligibility for admission to teacher education. This is followed by a sequence of campus and field-based courses culminating in the student teaching semester during the senior year.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page (<https://cctl.columbusstate.edu/certification.php>) on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CCTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

## **Career Opportunities**

Special Education is a profession with a future. The discipline of General Curriculum Reading Concentration prepares successful students for well paid positions in public or private schools which are expected to last. The graduate is prepared for employment in the areas of teaching preschool and school age children and, with experience, for directing a child care center. In addition, it provides an excellent base for pursuing careers in the areas of social services and early intervention. The B.S.Ed. Special Education - General Curriculum program leads to entry level (T-4) Georgia certification.