BECOME A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Get into a teaching area where you can truly make a difference to the lives of students with special needs

Teaching students with special needs brings its own unique rewards, and gives a whole new meaning to the phrase ‘making a difference’.

Students who require special support could have intellectual and physical disabilities, visual or hearing impairment, mental health diagnosis or learning difficulties. Guiding these students through their learning years can bring great satisfaction and a sense of profound personal and professional achievement.

As a special education teacher you’ll be working with a range of students in mainstream primary or secondary schools as well as in schools for specific purposes. You will work collaboratively with parents, teachers, school staff and other professionals to make sure special-needs students have the best opportunities for effective learning.

You’ll also be using your special interests and talents to play an active role in a wide range of cultural school activities.

Getting there

You must already be qualified as a primary or secondary teacher, and must have completed an approved course of study in special education. This may be undertaken through either undergraduate studies, or a combination of undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

A number of higher education institutions offer approved postgraduate special education programs, such as a Postgraduate Diploma in Special Education or Master of Special Education, for qualified teachers.

Further information about the requirements to become a teacher in NSW, including approved initial teacher education programs, can be found on the NSW Institute of Teachers website at www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au.

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