Available Financial Aid

Financial aid may be available for qualifying students. Scholarship programs are available to assist students in various fields of study. Scholarships are intended to assist students in funding the direct costs of their higher education.

Please visit the ETSU School of Graduate Studies website at http://www.etsu.edu/gradstud for scholarship information.

To determine financial aid eligibility, students must complete a FAFSA application. Learn more at www.etsu.edu/finaid/.

Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness

Special Education teachers are eligible for up to $17,500 forgiveness in principal and interest of their Direct Loans and/or Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) loans.

For complete information, please visit studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/cancellstaff.jsp.

Contact

For more information about an M.Ed. in Special Education (Early Childhood Concentration), an M.Ed. with certification in Special Education (Early Childhood Concentration), or an add-on certification in Early Childhood Special Education, please contact:

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Apply online at www.etsu.edu/gradstud/forms.aspx
Frequently Asked Questions

What does “mostly online” mean?
All coursework will be completed online with face-to-face meetings at our Sevierville and Strawberry Plains locations twice per semester.

What do Special Educators with an Early Childhood emphasis do?
• Work with at-risk and special needs children (birth to age 3) and their families in their homes and in community settings, consulting with daycares and preschools.
• Work in hospitals and medical daycares with young children with special needs.
• Perform assessments to determine eligibility for birth to age 3 services.
• Assist with Child Find agencies to identify children with disabilities (birth to age 3) and to coordinate services for these children and their families.
• Work with children with special needs in K-3rd grade.
• Work as Special Education/Inclusive Preschool Teacher (ages 3 - 5)

Because Special Education is a critical need area, some school districts offer stipends or signing bonuses to qualified special educators.