

UD – ARTC Alt. Rtes. for Special Ed.

I. Master's Plus Certification Program:

- Uncertified candidates apply for admission to UD Grad. School of Ed.
- Participants take master's courses their first summer and school year while working as Para-Educators in a Spec. Ed. setting
- Participants complete remaining course requirements during second summer and second school year as teacher of record in a Special Ed setting (El. Ed., Secondary or Severe Disabilities/Autism)
- Participants work the second year on a Certificate of Eligibility for SpEd and an Emergency Certificate for the content area (El. Ed., Core content in 2ndary ed.)
- Once all requirements are fulfilled (courses, performance assessment, Praxis II exams and DPAS II "effective" ratings), participants receive a master's degree and standard certificates in Sp.Ed. and content area(s)

II. SPARC – I (Special Ed Alternate Route to Certification for Inclusion)

- Teachers already certified in another area complete 5 courses required by DE DOE to add certificate in Sp.Ed. to their credentials
- Work as teacher of record in a Special Ed. setting
- 2-year usual path; can segue into a master's degree; on-line courses
- Once requirements completed, participants receive standard cert. in Sp. Ed.

III. SPARC – S (Special Ed Alternate Route to Certification for Severe Disabilities/Autism)

- Teachers already certified in Special Ed. complete 5 courses required by DE DOE to add certificate in Severe Disabilities/Autism to their credentials
- Participants work as teacher of record in a Sp.Ed. setting for Severe Disabilities/Autism
- 2-year usual path; can segue into a master's degree; on-line courses
- Once requirements completed, participants receive standard cert. in Sp. Ed./Severe Disabilities/Autism

IV. SPESS (Special Ed Secondary School pathway)

- Uncertified candidates apply
- Must meet requirements for regular ARTC eligibility in one of 4 core content areas (ELA, math, science or social studies)
- Must complete a pre-service set of seminars before being able to accept a teaching position in Sp.Ed.
- 2-year usual path to full certification; some on-line courses
- While completing SPESS, candidate works as teacher of record with a Certificate of Eligibility in Sp.Ed. and an Emergency Certificate in the core content area
- Once requirements are completed, participants receive standard certs. in Sp.Ed. and content area