Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling

The Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling offers undergraduate majors that prepare professionals to serve children and adults with special needs and disabilities.

Special Education
Majors in special education prepare highly qualified teachers to serve children of all ages with intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, autism, and behavior disorders. The collaborative teacher special education major leads to teacher certification in grades K-12; the early childhood/elementary special education major leads to teacher certification grades P-6. These teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education. Auburn University’s College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Rehabilitation and Disability Studies
The rehabilitation and disability studies program prepares students for jobs in the rehabilitation field such as vocational evaluation and work adjustment, mental health technicians, case managers, human service workers, and as supported employment specialists. Graduates can also use this major for entry into rehabilitation graduate programs in areas such as counselor training, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) accredits Auburn University’s rehabilitation programs. The Rehabilitation Counseling program ranks No. 14, among public universities, in the Health Disciplines category of U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools” survey of 2012.

The Auburn University schedule of courses is available on the Auburn University website. Information about graduate programs is available at the following links: Rehabilitation and Special Education - MEd, MS, EdS, PhD (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/specialeducationrehabilitationandcounseling_major) and Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology- MEd, MS, PhD (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thegraduateschool/graduatedegreesoffered/counseloreducation_counselingpsychology).

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Undergraduate Majors
- Early Childhood/Elementary Special Education, P-6 (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofeducation/specialeducationrehabilitationandcounseling/earlychildhoodspecialeducation_major)
- Collaborative Teacher Special Education, K-12 (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofeducation/specialeducationrehabilitationandcounseling/collaborativeteachereducation_major)
- Rehabilitation and Disability Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofeducation/specialeducationrehabilitationandcounseling/rehabilitationanddisabilitystudies_major)