

Special Education

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Special Education graduates?

Billings School District #2	Missoula County Public Schools
Wibaux Public Schools	Great Falls Public Schools
Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	Evergreen School District #50

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the *Special Education* field?

Occupation	Annual mean wage in MT	Potential lifetime earnings*
Special Education teacher in Kindergarten and Elementary	\$55,580—\$60,330	\$61,820 x 39 yrs = \$2,410,980
Special Education teacher in Middle School	\$60,810—\$68,570	\$61,820 x 39 yrs = \$2,410,980
Special Education teacher in	\$55,030—\$61,820	\$61,820 x 39 yrs = \$2,410,980

*Based on state mean and national median wage of occupation in accordance to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings is based on the national median wage.

What percentage of *Special Education* graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 20% of 2024 *Special Education* graduates that we received grad data on, **100% reported being employed* after graduation.**

*Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees:

- School Counselor
- Principal
- Director of Educational Non-Profit
- Behavior Intervention Specialist

Not sure if *Special Education* is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program such as *EDU 105*! Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



EDUCATION

Overview of the Education program:

We prepare educators to be compassionate, inclusive, empathic, as well as knowledgeable about content, pedagogy, and the diverse students they serve. These educators are prepared to differentiate effectively to support the success of all students. We accomplish this by being knowledgeable and responsive to our community, offering programs through different delivery models, and creating meaningful field experiences.

Bachelor of Science in Education

- Elementary Education Broadfield (Initial License)
- Elementary Education/Special Education (P-12) Double Major (Initial License and Endorsement)
- Secondary Education/Special Education (P-12) Double Major (Initial License and Endorsement)

Current Content Area Majors

- Art (K-12)
- Broadfield Science – Undergraduate
- Broadfield Science – Master and Post-Baccalaureate
- English
- Health and Physical Education (K-12)
- History (Not available online)
- Mathematics
- Music (K-12)

What makes your program unique?

We are known in the state for Special Education and Reading. Our students are prepared to teach in both urban and rural settings.

What students like most about the Education program?

Students like the multiple opportunities for field work. They are able to apply theory to practice and support their own students' academic growth.



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/coe/about.htm>

