



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dear _____,

If you have not thought about becoming an educator, let me tell you why you may find the most rewarding career you could ever imagine in teaching exceptional children. In the past years, the identification of children with disabilities has risen to its highest level in history. Students with learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, autism, sensory impairments and other disabilities are entering school systems, and all of them want to learn and grow, and be able to relate to the world around them.

The need for special education teachers is so great that in 2006, the HERA Act was passed which makes permanent the forgiveness of educational loans for certain teachers. This act authorizes up to **\$17,500 in student loan forgiveness** for full-time teachers of special needs students who meet the qualifications

As a teacher of exceptional children, you have the opportunity to truly change a life. You can make a real difference by developing skills that reach into the community and educating that community about the very special people who live within their neighborhoods. Because of IDEA and No Child Left Behind, you have job security at a level that has been only increasing. This past year, there were 39,000 public school positions which needed to be filled all over the United States. Quality special educators are in high demand with many school systems paying large signing bonuses. These principals know of the quality of special needs teachers our program produces and are eager to hire those teachers. In fact, most candidates in our program have contractual offers before they graduate.

With one of the most technologically advanced programs in the nation, Mars Hill Department of Special Education prides itself on its success in producing exceptional professionals in the area of education and beyond. Graduates of Mars Hill's Special Education program are prepared to pursue an array of professions that include careers in the criminal justice system, public schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and child welfare systems, just to name a few.

We can help you. Join our team of Special Educators. Visit our offices in the NASH building and find out how you will never be "forgotten".

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