

# 6 Steps to Obtaining a Degree in Special Education at Utah State University



- **1. Apply to Utah State University**  
Apply as an pre-special education major <http://www.usu.edu/admissions/>
  
- **2. Meet with a Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation (SPER) Advisor**  
The Special Education Advisor is Darcie Peterson  
Emma Eccles Jones College of Education – Room 371  
Office Phone: (435) 797-3252 email: [darcie.peterson@usu.edu](mailto:darcie.peterson@usu.edu)  
  
The Distance Mild/Moderate Program Advisor is Becky Morgan  
Office Phone (435) 797-7575 email: [becky.morgan@usu.edu](mailto:becky.morgan@usu.edu)
  
- **3. Apply for Financial Aid** <http://www.usu.edu/finaid/>  
Discuss various financial aid opportunities with the Special Education Advisor  
[darcie.peterson@usu.edu](mailto:darcie.peterson@usu.edu) or [becky.morgan@usu.edu](mailto:becky.morgan@usu.edu) (The Distance Mild/Moderate Program Advisor)
  
- **4. Attend Orientations**  
SOAR: Required for incoming freshmen <http://www.usu.edu/soar/>  
Connections: Not required. However, talk with Darcie Peterson to see if this course would be beneficial to you. <http://www.usu.edu/connections/>
  
- **5. Complete your Special Education Program prerequisites**  
Go to <http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad> Click on your preferred area of emphasis (e.g., Early childhood, MM, Severe). See “SPER Admissions Checklist”. Also, see SPER Test and Experience Requirements.
  
- **6. Apply to the Special Education program. Go to**  
<http://sper.usu.edu/undergrad>  
Apply by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Start early and check with Darcie or Becky if questions arise.