10 reasons to enroll

Special Education Endorsement Program

Offered in Palos Heights
Expand Your Classroom Skills
Do you have a passion to work with children with special needs? The Adult Studies program at Trinity Christian College provides you the methodology courses to teach with excellence. We will prepare you to help students of all ability levels reach their potential.

Choice of Program
You can choose to complete either your Special Education endorsement, valid only for the grade range on your current license, or a full Special Education endorsement for grades K-12. If you pursue a full endorsement, you be required to take the “Technology in Education” class. Students are required to pass state tests to earn the endorsement of choice.

Endorsement in 2 semesters
You can earn an endorsement for your current grade range in two semesters or full endorsement in one year. Attend class one night a week, from 6-10 PM, on the same night each week. Classes range from 5 to 9 weeks, allowing you to concentrate on one class at a time.

Why choose Trinity?

Need for Special Ed Teachers
There’s a great need in Illinois for special education teachers. According to the National Education Association, over the past 10 years the number of U.S. students enrolled in special education programs has risen 30 percent. Special Education is one of the areas with the greatest number of unfilled positions and the greatest number of teachers needed.*

* Educator Supply and Demand in Illinois 2011 Annual Report

Cohorts of Adult Students
The Special Education program curriculum is designed for adults like you - teachers looking to enhance their classroom skills. You will learn with a cohort - the same group of about 20 students throughout the entire program, allowing you to form friendships and develop a support system.
Affordable Tuition
Trinity’s tuition is $499 per credit hour, which includes rental books. Once you are admitted into the program, the financial aid department will contact you to discuss the financial aid options and process. A convenient payment plan is available.

Supportive Faculty
All courses are taught by professors who have experience as a classroom teacher. Your professors are dedicated to assisting you, and if you have questions outside of class, your professors will be able to help you. They will know your name and will help you reach your goal of earning your endorsement.

Academic Support
Students have access to academic support and tutoring provided by the Office of Learning Services. If you need assistance with writing papers, resources are readily available. A reference librarian will be able to help you when conducting research.

Summer Practicum
If you pursue a full endorsement, the required seven-week practicum is completed during the summer, so it will not conflict with your work schedule.

Faith-Based Perspective
At Trinity Christian College, we recognize that “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” (Ps 24:1). As a result, everything that we do - from academics to service to community - integrates our faith.
Course of Study

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*Depending on type of current teaching license, students take Teaching/Teaching for the type of license they do NOT hold (elementary take AEDU 311, secondary take AEDU 310)

Ready to begin

We look forward to having you join an upcoming cohort! After you have reviewed the information in this brochure, follow these simple steps to begin the admissions process.

1. Complete the enclosed application.

2. Contact the college(s) that you have previously attended and request your official transcripts.
   - If you have attended college outside of the United States, those transcripts will need to be evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators Inc. For information, visit their website: www.ece.org

3. Mail a copy of your current Illinois teaching license, college transcripts, application, and $25 application fee to:
   - Trinity Christian College/Adult Studies
   - 6601 W. College Drive
   - Palos Heights, IL 60463

Trinity Christian College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and a member of the North Central Association (www.ncahlc.org). The College is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education for elementary, secondary and K-12 license.