

# Work and Learn North: Special Education License

The Work and Learn Program aims to recruit, prepare, retain and support highly qualified paraprofessionals and Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers on their journey to become a Tier 3 licensed teacher. It provides an affordable, accessible, and accelerated program to earn a Minnesota teaching license and master's degree in 2.5 years.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Individuals who are dedicated to education, employed as teachers of record or paraprofessionals by the Anoka-Hennepin school district, and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

## WHAT WILL THE PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

Participants will take a maximum of two online courses in a cohort model each semester.

| Year 1   |        |        |        | Year 2  |        |        |        | Year 2.5   |
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| Fall   | J-Term | Spring | Summer | Fall  | J-Term | Spring | Summer | Fall   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Engagement</li> <li>Effective Teaching and Learning</li> <li>Educational Equity &amp; Inclusive Practices</li> <li>Literacy Development</li> <li>Fundamental Special Education Courses</li> </ul> |        |        |        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Education Method courses</li> <li>Disability Specific Method courses</li> <li>Field Experiences</li> </ul> |        |        |        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Teaching (on the job)</li> <li>Master's Research</li> </ul> |

## WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM COST? \*

| Program   | Credits  |
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| Initial Academic Behavior Strategist License Coursework   | 31 credits   |
| Add on Master's Degree Coursework   | 3 credits  |
| Optional Add on Additional License (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Disabilities, Early Childhood Special Education, Emotional Behavior Disorders, Learning Disabilities) | 9-12 credits (includes shortened student teaching) |

- University of St. Thomas tuition for MA degree = Approximately \$685 per credit
- Cost of books is an additional fee and varies by course
- Participants may be eligible for Federal student loan forgiveness while teaching
- Financial aid available

## AFTER INITIAL LICENSE

The University of St. Thomas makes it very easy to add on additional licenses with 2-3 additional online courses per disability area.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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