TRIMM Project

The Teacher Recruiting in Mild/Moderate (TRIMM) Licensure Project is a partnership between the Utah State Board of Education and the University to address the critical shortage of teachers serving students with mild/moderate disabilities. The TRIMM project targets both bachelor’s and master’s level students interested in obtaining a license in special education with a focus on mild/moderate disabilities. Stipends are available to 5 undergraduate students and 5 graduate students.

The project will include four to five semesters of coursework, including requirements for both the teaching endorsement and either a Bachelor’s or Master’s in Education degree from the University of Utah Department of Special Education. It will also include onsite supervision of early field and student teaching experiences.

Program Delivery & Structure

The program will be delivered on the University of Utah campus with most coursework offered in the evenings (i.e., 4:30-7:00 pm) to allow students the flexibility to work in school settings during the day.

Bachelor’s Degree-Mild/Moderate Study Requirements*

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<td>Mild Mod Specialization Courses</td>
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*Bachelor’s prerequisites: Completed 43 hours pre-major courses in Special Education and University General Education and other BS degree requirements.
Master's Degree-Mild/Moderate
Graduate Study Requirements

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The program includes a coursework sequence that is approved by the state and national accreditation boards.

**USBE-IDEA Flow-Through Funding**

Each Master's student admitted under the TRIMM project (projected cap of 5 students) will receive an annual stipend of $9,000 for two years to cover program and related expenses.

Each Bachelor's student admitted under the TRIMM project (projected cap of 5 students) will receive an annual stipend of $5,000 for two years to cover program and related expenses.

The TRIMM Project is sponsored by IDEA funds from The Utah State Board of Education.

**Applying to the TRIMM Program**

Notification for the TRIMM Program funding will be after July 1, 2017. Stipends will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Applicants must submit the following to the U of U and the Department of Special Education:

1. Application for admission to the Mild/Moderate Special Education Program
2. Professional career statement
3. Proof of cleared USBE background check
4. Transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
5. Praxis (undergraduate-see SPED website for specific required tests) or GRE (graduate) Test Scores
6. Three current letters of recommendation (at least two addressing capacity for academic work)
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Helpful Websites

Department of Special Education: special-ed.utah.edu

University of Utah Homepage: utah.edu

Admissions and deadlines: special-ed.utah.edu/prospective/admission/index.php

Graduate School: gradschool.utah.edu

Utah State Board of Education: schools.utah.gov