ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Special Education

Associate programs are typically two-year degrees designed for students who plan to transfer in the future. It is important for students to communicate with their advisor about future academic plans in order to ensure academic success. If you have previously attended college, you will need to request transcripts to be sent to Dakota College at Bottineau because some of your courses might count towards your degree.

Why study special education?
DCB’s Associate of Science (AS) in Special Education degree prepares students who want to transfer into a special education program at a four-year college/university. It requires students to complete 41 credits of general education classes as well as 21 core classes for special education.

This degree is targeted for those who are interested in working with students who have disabilities and special needs.

Career choices
Professionals with their Special Education AS degree who transfer on and complete a bachelors and/or masters can have a variety of rewarding careers in the special education field, including:
• Early childhood special education teacher
• Special education teacher
• Intervention specialist
• Special education director/coordinator
• Speech language pathologist
• Low incidence consultant
• Instructional coach
• Occupational therapist
• Physical therapist

Focused courses for your degree
The curriculum covers a variety of topics related to instructional strategies, special education, human development, classroom management, and disability awareness. The courses are offered 100% online so they can be completed from the comfort of your home and better fit in a busy everyday schedule. Courses include:

EDUC 101 – Introduction to Paraeducation
SPED 101 – Introduction to Developmental Disabilities
SPED 110 – Introduction to Exceptional Children
EDUC 220 – Classroom Management
MATH 277 – Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I
EDUC 250 – Introduction to Education
EDUC 298 – Introduction to Education Practicum
### COURSES REQUIRED
Special Education (AS)

**Suggested arrangement of courses:**

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All courses subject to change.

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**Dakota College at Bottineau Vision**

Dakota College at Bottineau is rooted in the past and grows towards the future by combining the best from the *Past, Present, and Future* to provide students with innovative educational opportunities. The campus will emphasize a knowledge and appreciation of *Nature*, implement a rapidly changing *Technology*, and prepare students to go *Beyond* and improve the quality of life.

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