

## Bachelor of Education (Special Education Pathway)

**Program purpose:** The special education pathway in the Bachelor of Education at La Trobe University provides students with a qualification to teach in primary or special education settings. The program aims to qualify skilled teachers who are:

- Informed in the professional discipline knowledge's of diversity and disability;
- Practised in approaches to the differentiated curriculum to sit learning needs and styles of all students
- Experienced in various communication processes and practices to: maximise communication skills for all students; promote positive communications with parents and carers; facilitate communicative interactions between a range of professionals and colleagues
- Experienced in teaching social skills and building resilience in students through positive and supportive classroom cultures.

At the end of their degree, students will have a choice to teach in primary or special education settings. Graduates from this program will be informed of the special learning needs of students with a range of learning difficulties as well as the VELS curriculum requirements and how they relate to students with severe and multiple impairments.

**Program Overview:** Students in the special education pathway will complete eight special education units chosen as electives in the full complement of Bachelor of Education units.

To qualify to teach in a special education setting, graduates are required to complete two practicum experiences in a special education setting. This will usually involve practicum placements in a regular school in first and fourth year and practicum placement in a special education setting in second and third year.

**Career Pathway:** The program articulates with a Master of Special Education at La Trobe University. The Master of Special Education provides a postgraduate career pathway for Learning Support Teachers, Integration Teachers and school administrators.

Year	Sem	Unit Name	Unit Code
2	1	Topics in Inclusive Education	EDU2TIE
2	1	Managing Learning Environments	EDU2MLE
2	2	Understanding Autism	EDU2UA
3	1	Mental Health and Wellbeing	EDU3MHW
3	2	High Support Need & Augmentative Communication	EDU3HSN
3	Summer	Students Who Challenge	EDUSWC
4	1	Supporting the Needs of All Learners	EDU4SNL
4	2	Inclusive Sport Education	EDU4INS