



Welcome to **FULLY ONLINE** Teacher Education

Earn your Bachelor's degree in Multi-categorical Special Education

We look forward to getting to know you as you complete your teacher education journey! This checklist will help you get started in the Teacher Education program at Southern Wesleyan University.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

CREATE underwrites all tuition, textbook, and Praxis II exam costs for qualified recipients.



WHO CAN APPLY

Full-time employees in instructional (teacher assistant) or non-instructional (custodial, bus driver, etc.) in South Carolina public and charter schools who do not have a Bachelor's degree can apply for CREATE scholarship funds.

Apply online

Apply online at swu.edu/apply. Be sure to select *BS-Teacher Special Education* as your choice of major, and submit all documentation requested by SWU.

Complete your FAFSA

Complete FAFSA by going to www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

SWU FAFSA code: 003422

The financial aid office at SWU can be reached at 864-644-5519 or finaid@swu.edu.

Register for classes

When your student ID number is received via email, CREATE applicants will contact the SWU CREATE Center Director, Dr. Roz Pitts, create@swu.edu, to register for and to complete your program of study.

Please remember that you are not enrolled in classes until you actually register for the specific sections you want. Acceptance to SWU does not complete your enrollment process!

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Scholarship Funds Available to Become a Special Education Teacher

Fully Online Bachelor's Degree in Multi-categorical Special Education

Southern Wesleyan Degree Program Partnership

Southern Wesleyan University has partnered with CREATE to offer a **FULLY ONLINE** Bachelor's degree program in Multi-categorical Special Education that provides initial South Carolina Department of Education licensure to teach. Through this partnership, full time employees (instructional and non-instructional staff, in and out of the classroom) from all school districts across the State are eligible.

SC-CREATE (Centers for the Re-education and Advancement of Teachers in Special Education) is a scholarship program sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Office of Special Education Services. CREATE underwrites all tuition, textbook, and Praxis II exam costs for qualified participants. To receive continuous funds, you must remain employed full-time in a S.C. public/charter school. CREATE and Southern Wesleyan require that you maintain a minimum GPA throughout the program.

With support from CREATE funding, qualified students earn 120 hours and finish their Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at Southern Wesleyan University. Field experiences and directed teaching will be completed in your home school district under the supervision of qualified personnel. This program is online, asynchronous (a few classes may require synchronous online sessions), and requires you to have access to a computer with Internet service to complete the program.

To apply for this program with CREATE scholarship funds, you must:

1. Be employed full-time (any position) in a South Carolina public or charter school.
2. Complete the online CREATE application at **sc.create.com**.
3. Apply online to Southern Wesleyan University at **swu.edu/apply** and declare B.S. Teacher Special Education as your major.
4. Obtain an acceptance letter for Southern Wesleyan University.
5. Meet with the CREATE Center director to obtain an approved program of study.
6. Complete a CREATE *Scholarship Loan Agreement* at **sc.create.com**.
7. Commit to teach in a multi-categorical special education classroom in a S.C. public/charter school for at least three years following completion of the B.S. degree program and obtaining SCDE licensure.

The CREATE scholarship program is administrated by Joe P. Sutton, PhD, Program Director, Office of Special Education Services, South Carolina Department of Education. For information on how to qualify for scholarship funds, submit your CREATE application online at **sc.create.com**. Upon receipt, your application will be processed within 3-5 business days, after which you will receive a CREATE Next Steps email notice with information and documents you must gather and submit in order to qualify for scholarship funds.