

## Special Education Teacher

My dream job is to be an Elementary School Special Education Teacher. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little girl, about six years old. My teachers have been supportive and always told me "if you can dream it, you can do it". The reason why I would like to be a teacher is I enjoy helping people with their educational needs and I love working with kids.

The education requirements to become an elementary school teacher is a Bachelor's Degree. Special Education teachers also require a special education certificate, license or a Masters Degree depending on the state. The skills that are needed are organization, patience, creativity, enthusiasm, confidence, dedication, conflict resolution, and communication.

Special Education teachers are in high demand in the United States. The projected job growth in the U.S. within the next ten years for teachers is 9%. In Rogers Arkansas the starting salary for teachers is \$44,750 and teachers with their masters start at \$47,196. Special Education classes go by special-needs education, aided education, exceptional education, and special education.

After 13 years of school it is possible for me after another five or six years of college to be a teacher. I thought that I would never get this far just by studying. I am very confident that I can become a teacher and accomplish my dream of becoming an elementary school and special ed teacher.

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