

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BECOME A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Online Bachelor's Degree in Multi-Categorical Special Education

HGTC/CCU Degree Program Partnership

Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Coastal Carolina University are offering a new **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 HGTC/CCU require that you maintain the minimum GPA throughout the program.

With support from CREATE funding, qualified students earn their first 60 college credits at HGTC and finish their Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) at CCU. Upon completion of coursework at HGTC, students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and will immediately transfer to CCU through a seamless partnership agreement between the two colleges.

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 and CREATE scholarship funds, you must:

1. Be employed full time (any position) in a South Carolina school district.
2. Complete the online CREATE application at https://scoses.formstack.com/forms/create_application.
3. Apply online to HGTC at <https://www.hgtc.edu/admissions/>, and declare A.A.S. Teacher Education as your major.
4. Obtain an acceptance letter for HGTC.
5. Meet with the CREATE Center director to obtain an approved program of study.
6. Complete a CREATE scholarship loan agreement at <https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/special-education-services/projects-and-supports/create/create-forms/scholarship-loan-agreement/>.
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.A. degree program and obtaining SCDE licensure.



For information on the CREATE program, contact:

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There's More.



WELCOME TO TEACHER EDUCATION.

We look forward to getting to know you as you complete your teacher education journey!
This checklist has been developed to help you get started in the Teacher Education program at HGTC.

1. Apply to HGTC online (hgtc.edu) or on paper. Kristen Jurga is the student advisor in Admissions – 843-349-5331.
*Select AAS, Teacher Education as your major.
*Submit all requested documentation to HGTC.
2. Complete FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov). Financial aid offices are available on all campuses. The HGTC FAFSA code is 004925.
3. When your H# (your student ID number) is received (mailed to your home address), you will need to contact the CREATE Center director at HGTC to determine what classes you should register for and to complete your program of study.

**TECH Central online will
help with the entire process.
No appointment needed!**

TECH Central
843-349-TECH (8324)
Monday–Thursday 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
techcentral@hgtc.edu

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

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