

WGU to Award Ten \$2,500 Scholarships for Online Degrees in Special Education



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SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 6 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Western Governors University is pleased to offer the WGU Excellence in Special Education Scholarships (http://www.wgu.edu/tuition_financial_aid/specialed_overview.asp). These scholarships are designed to help aspiring special education teachers attend college online to earn their licensure or endorsement in special education and fill a vital role in their communities. Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500.

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Multiple scholarships will be awarded and each scholarship will be awarded based upon a candidate's academic record, readiness for online study, and current competency, plus other considerations.

Becoming a special education teacher is now easier because of Western Governors University's (<http://www.wgu.edu>) flexible, online degree programs in special education. The Bachelor of Arts in Special Education and the Master of Science in Special Education will prepare individuals to teach students with mild to moderate disabilities.

The Bachelor of Arts in Special Education (http://www.wgu.edu/education/teacher_certification_special_education_bachelor_degree.asp) is suited for individuals such as school paraprofessionals, unlicensed substitutes, parents, and career changers who seek a special education teaching certification that also meets the more stringent "highly-qualified" requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The Master of Science in Special Education (http://www.wgu.edu/education/master_science_special_education.asp) program is specifically designed for already-licensed teachers who seek endorsement in special education and a master's degree. The course of study integrates best practices in special education, instructional design, and development of graduate-level research abilities.

WGU is a regionally-accredited online, competency-based university, and the only online university accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). NCATE, the leader in teacher education accreditation, sets robust and stringent standards for teacher training in all areas of the discipline.

WGU's competency-based education approach makes it possible for students to accelerate their program and complete the requirements in as little as two to four years for a bachelor's degree or two years for a master's degree. The actual time to completion will depend on the incoming student's prior experience, academic background, and time commitment to study.

About Western Governors University (WGU)
(http://www.wgu.edu/about_WGU/overview.asp)

WGU is the only accredited online university in the U.S. offering competency-based degree programs. The private non-profit university has been a leader in online education for more than 10 years. WGU is the recipient of the USDLA 21st Century Award for Best Practices in Distance Learning for 2008, awarded in recognition of WGU's success in expanding access to higher education. WGU has been honored as one of the 2008 Top 20 Military Friendly Colleges and Universities by Military Advanced Education magazine. WGU sponsors the Online Student Survival Guide (<http://onlinestudentsurvival.com/>), a blog that addresses many of the questions and daily concerns online students from any online college or university face.

Now serving more than 11,000 students, WGU was founded by 19 U.S. governors, and is supported by more than 20 leading corporations and foundations. They include institutions such as AT&T, BearingPoint, Dell, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Hewlett-Packard, HCA, Microsoft, Oracle, Qwest, SunGard Higher Education, Sun Microsystems, and Zions Bank. WGU offers bachelor's and master's degrees in business, information technology, teacher education, and health professions, with students in all 50 states. More information is available at <http://www.wgu.edu>.

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