



“Enrolling in the AARC program at CREC was, without a doubt, one of the best professional choices I have ever made. The knowledge and understanding I gleaned was invaluable to my teaching career. It daily informs my practice. The program was rigorous, but the instructors were approachable and helpful.”

— Lori Dight, AARC Graduate

Earn a Special Education Cross-Endorsement

AARC Benefits:

- Affordable tuition
- Small cohorts and mentor support from current practitioners
- Summer sessions, online learning, and Saturday classes allow candidates to complete the program and gain new skills while remaining employed
- Job-embedded portfolio assignments
- Opportunities to practice and apply competencies in educational settings
- Builds the skills to positively affect the lives of students with disabilities

Qualifications for Admission

- Valid teaching certificate
- Master’s degree encouraged, but not required
- Three years successful teaching experience in the past eight years (substitute teaching considered)
- Desire to teach students with disabilities as a special educator
- Access to a computer and an e-mail address



“After hiring three graduates from the AARC program, I observed them to be three of the most prepared and efficient SPED teachers in the district. The AARC program gave them a variety of hands-on experiences and knowledge. Each of them started their position by being able to jump right into the job and became a strong advocate for students with special needs.”

— Kevin Hollis
Director of Special Services, Region 6

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passion...

Become a Special Education teacher

Advanced Alternate Route Program for Special Education (AARC) is a program for certified teachers to earn a cross-endorsement in Comprehensive Special Education.

The AARC is an exciting and innovative 14 month competency-based course of study approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education that provides training and practical experience based on national special education teacher standards.



Application deadline:
May of each year

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CREC, experienced in developing alternative route to certification programs, can come to your region or state and work with you to develop and implement an Advanced Alternate Route Program for Special Education. For more information contact Mary Jo Terranova at 203-233-1940 or mterranova@crec.org or Sonya Kunkel at 860-509-3763 or skunkel@crec.org.



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