



# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS WORK AND LEARN

## GROW YOUR OWN

The School of Education partners with school districts and teachers across Minnesota to provide a pathway to teaching for district employees (Tier 1 & 2 teachers/paraprofessionals currently working in Special Education) to become a Tier 3 licensed teacher. Work and Learn offers districts an opportunity to market and recruit candidates into tiered license positions in critical areas of shortages.

Work and Learn provides a pathway for participants to earn their teaching license in special education fully online while working for their district. Candidates from underrepresented backgrounds who reflect our diverse student populations are encouraged to apply. The program provides an affordable, accessible, and accelerated program (34 credits instead of the traditional 47 credits) to earn an Academic and Behavior Strategist (ABS) License and master's degree in 2.5 years. Student teaching can be completed on the job. An additional special education license can easily be added.

## WORK AND LEARN ONLINE

- New cohorts starting Spring 2024 and Summer 2024
- Fully online and open to school districts and teachers across the state
- Application Deadline: December 8, 2023

## PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Employed and working in a Minnesota school district as a Special Education paraprofessional, Tier 1, or Tier 2 teacher
- Commitment to Special Education

## Learn More:



## NEW SCHOLARSHIP!

The School of Education may offer qualified students up to \$8,000 in tuition support for Work and Learn cohorts starting in Spring 2024 and Summer 2024! Submit your St. Thomas application to be considered.

## Questions?

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