

## ***Public School Program Assistant Certificate\****

This program is an introduction to, and a comprehensive survey of, the field of special education. Special education is that branch of education responsible for meeting the needs of exceptional children - those who are gifted or who have impairments that affect intellectual, physical, emotional or sensory abilities. Students will examine a body of contemporary literature relating to special education and strive to develop an understanding of the developmental and learning characteristics of exceptional persons. Students will investigate the types of educational services and care that have been found to be effective in helping persons with special needs to reach their potential.

### ***Courses***

Foundations of Special Education PSA 1016 Practicum - Foundations PSP 1013  
Physical & Developmental Conditions PSA 1026 Practicum - Physical PSP 1023  
Communication & Sensory Disorders PSA 1036 Practicum - Communication PSP 1033  
Individual Differences in Learning & PSA 1046 Practicum - Individual Differences  
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Behavior

### ***Delivery***

**1 year of full time study or 2 years of part time study\*\***

(2005-06 Part-time extension locations: Bridgewater, Truro, Yarmouth, Port Hawkesbury)

**\* Part One of Student Support Worker Diploma (P.E.I. only)**

\*\* Part time study typically consists of two semesters per year which will each consist of one (60 hour)

course held over 20 night classes plus approximately 125 hours of practicum.