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(A State Open University by Government of Tamil Nadu; Recognized by UDC & DEB; Member in Asian Association of Open Universities, and Association of Commonwealth Universities)

Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation

577, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015

Prospectus - 2024
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Entrance Examination

1. **Admission into B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme:**

   ➤ The method of applying for B.Ed.Spl.Ed. programme is through ONLINE from Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) website www.tnou.ac.in

   ➤ The amount of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) towards the B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Application processing should be paid through online (in case of SC/ST candidates the cost of Application is Rs.250/-)

2. **Eligibility:**

   1. The candidates residing in the state of Tamil Nadu only, are eligible to apply for B.Ed (Spl.Ed) programme.
   2. ii. Candidates possessing the qualification prescribed by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and G.O.(D) No.267 dated 08.09.2023 B.Ed. Admission Guidelines for 2023-2024, Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu are eligible to apply for B.Ed.Spl.Ed.programme.

   Note : The candidates are requested to go through the Prospectus thoroughly before applying through online.

3. **Important Dates (Tentative):**

Releasing of Online Application and Prospectus	**29.12.2023**
Closing of Online Application portal	**20.01.2024**
Uploading the Eligibility list for Entrance Examination	**24.01.2024**
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Admission Counselling	**8th to 10th February, 2024**

Important Notice to the Applicants

❖ Tamil Nadu Open University strictly adheres to the Norms and Regulations for B.Ed. Special Education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL), December,2021 of the Rehabilitation Council of India, and G.O.(D) No.267 dated 08.09.2023 B.Ed. Admission Guidelines of Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu in the Eligibility Criteria, Curriculum and Evaluation pattern. Tamil Nadu Open University offers B.Ed. Spl. Ed. Programme to the candidates in order to strengthen the human resources in the field of Special Education.

❖ As per G.O. MS. No. 56 of 2012 of Tamil Nadu Government, the B.Ed. (Special Education) course awarded by any University be considered as equivalent to B.Ed. (General Education) course for the purpose of employment in Public Services.

❖ For employment opportunities in Tamil Nadu Government Schools, the norms of recruiting boards such as Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB), Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC), etc., will be applicable from time to time.

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1.   Introduction

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation has been established in 2009 to offer Teacher Education programmes in Special Education both in Tamil and English medium, with an annual intake of 500 students. The B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme is approved by the Government of Tamilnadu, recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi, and approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC). This programme is offered through Special Education Learner Support Centres (LSCs) with the approval of the Tamil Nadu Open University and the RCI.

At present B.Ed.Spl.Ed. programme is offered in the following three areas of specializations;

❖ **Visual Impairment (VI)**
❖ **Hearing Impairment (HI)**
❖ **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**

2.   Duration of the Programme

i. The B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme (Distance mode) is of **2 years** (4 semesters) for a candidate with RCI recognized D. Ed. in Special Education. However, the student is permitted to complete the programme within a maximum period of 4 years, after enrolment.

ii. The B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme (Distance mode) is of **2½ years** (5 semesters) for a candidate who **does not** possess any RCI recognized D.Ed. in Special Education (VI/HI/ID). However, the student is permitted to complete the programme within a maximum period of 5 years, after enrolment.

3.   Medium of Instruction and Examination

The medium of instruction is both in Tamil and English. Application is common for both English and Tamil medium of B.Ed.Spl.Ed Programme. Candidates have to select any one of the medium, either Tamil or English. However, the students are allowed to prepare their Assignments and take the Term-End Examinations either in English or Tamil.

4.   **In-Take**

The total intake strength for admission to B.Ed. Spl. Ed. Programme is 500. Each Special Education Programme Study Centre will be allotted a Maximum of 50 seats per batch (25 each for Tamil and English Medium) seats per batch.

5.   **Programme Fee**

Programme fee of Rs.35,550/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand Five hundred and Fifty only) should be paid for the entire Programme of study **at the time of Admission. Note:** Fees once remitted is **NOT** refundable.

Programme	Registration & Practical Exam Fee Rs.	Programme Fee:30,000/-		Total Rs.
		Tuition Fee Rs.	SLM & Postal Charges Rs.	
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. (CY2024)	5,550/-	20,000/-	10,000/-	35,550/-

6. **Eligibility and Admission Procedures**
6.1 Eligibility and Educational Qualifications

The eligibility criteria for the admission into B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme of Tamil Nadu Open University for the Calendar Year 2024 are framed based on the RCI B.Ed.Spl.Ed. ODL Norms 2021 and the G.O.(D) No.267 dated 08.09.2023 Admission Guidelines for B.Ed. Degree Programme, 2023-2024 issued by Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

6.1.1   Basic Eligibility:

Candidates with at least fifty percent (50%) of marks either in the Bachelor's Degree and/or in the Master's degree in a subject listed in 6.1.2, Bachelors in Engineering or Technology with specialization in Science and Mathematics with fifty five percent (55 %) of marks or any other qualification equivalent thereto, are eligible for admission to the programme.

i)   B.Ed.Spl.Ed. 2 year programme: Candidates should have passed RCI recognized D.Ed. in Special Education (VI / HI / ID) along with UG (Bachelor) and/or PG (Master) Degree Examination (in a subject listed in 6.1.2) from any UGC recognised University in the 10+2+3(15) pattern are eligible. Candidates who have passed UG or PG degree under Open University System without

       10+2 pattern of School Education, passed Post-Graduate degrees without a UG degree are not eligible.

ii)   B.Ed.Spl.Ed. 2½ year programme: Candidates should have passed the UG (Bachelor) and/or PG (Master) Degree Examination (in a subject listed in 6.1.2) from any UGC recognised University in the 10+2+3(15) pattern. Candidates who have passed UG or PG degree under Open University System without 10+2 pattern of School Education, passed Post-Graduate degrees without a UG degree are not eligible.

6.1.2 Detailed Eligibility Criteria (as per G.O.(D) No. 267 dated 08.09.2023 of Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu)

Major Subjects Offered under B.Ed.Spl.Ed Programme in TNOU:

The following Major Subjects are offered under B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Degree Programme.

Subject Code	Major Subjects
1	Tamil
2	English
3	Mathematics
4	Science (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, and equivalent subjects)
5	Social Science (History, Geography, and equivalent subjects)
6	Computer Science
7	Commerce **(PG must)**
8	Economics **(PG must)**

i)   **Subject Codes 1 to 6:** As these subjects are taught in the High School level, the requisite qualifications for admission to these subjects is UG Degree in the relevant subject with not less than the percentage of marks stipulated in Item (xi) herein. The minimum percentage of marks stipulated in Item (xi) herein **shall not be applicable** to the candidates those who are having PG Degree in the same subject with not less than 50% of marks. But weightage for higher qualification given in clause 6.4.b herein is not applicable for such candidates.

ii)   **Subject Codes 7 & 8:** The requisite qualification for admission to these subjects is PG Degree in the relevant subject with not less than 50% of marks, subject to

the condition that **the major subject in the UG and PG Degree shall be one and the same**.

iii) (a) The candidates should have undergone 10+2+3(15) pattern of study and passed the qualifying examination conducted by the respective State Board or CBSE or any other recognized Board of Education / Examination and UG Degree Examination of the UGC recognized Universities **in any one of the school subjects** offered by the Directorate of School Education at the Secondary / Higher Secondary Education level.

(b) The three year Diploma in Engineering shall be treated as equivalent to +2 course for the purpose of eligibility for admission.

iv) Candidates, who have passed the UG or PG degree under Open University System **without** 10+2 pattern of School Education examination are **not eligible** for admission.

v) Candidates, who have taken more than one main subject in Part III & Part IV (under Double / Triple Major System) of UG degree course should have to choose only one of the main subjects and should have applied for that Major only. In such cases, marks obtained by the candidates in two/three major subjects shall be taken into account to arrive at the percentage of marks as stipulated in item (xi) herein.

vi) Candidates, who have passed any degree under Additional Degree Programme or lateral entry mode with less than three years of duration are **not eligible** for admission.

vii) Candidates, who have passed under four year Dual Degree Programme with two major subjects under Part III are **not eligible** for admission.

viii) Candidates, who have qualified the P.G. Degree in the subjects in Serial No 7 to 8 with not less than 50% of marks are eligible for admission, subject to the condition that the **major subject in the UG and PG Degrees shall be one and the same.**

ix) Candidates, who have qualified the P.G. Degree (5 year integrated programme) under 10+2+5 pattern of study shall be considered for admission. In such cases, the marks obtained by the candidates in the first three years in Part III and Part IV alone shall be taken into account for admission to the B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Degree programme for subjects in serial no. 1 to 6. The marks obtained by the candidates

in the last two years (4ᵗʰ & 5ᵗʰ year) alone shall be taken into account for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed. degree programme for subjects in serial no. 7 and 8.

x)   Equivalent Subjects:

a) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Applied Mathematics can apply for Mathematics.

b) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Applied Physics, Theoretical Physics, Geo-Physics, Bio-Physics and Electronics can apply for Science.

c) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Applied Chemistry can apply for Science.

d) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Advanced Zoology and Bio-Technology, Plant-Biology and Plant Bio-Technology can apply for Science.

e) Candidates, who have their UG degree in Environmental Science and Micro-Biology can apply for Science.

f) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Applied Geography can apply for Geography.

g) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in Computer Science, Information Technology and Computer Application can apply for Computer Science.

h) However, if the candidate furnish Government Order for equivalence their application will be considered for counselling.

i) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in the school subjects (Subject Codes 1 to 6) are eligible for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed. However, those who have done the UG in the subjects which equivalence is not covered under the G.O. are not eligible for admission.

j) All the B.E./B.Tech. graduates irrespective of their Branch in Engineering/Technology are eligible to study either Mathematics or Science as pedagogy of a School Subject. However, the B.E./B.Tech. graduates in Computer Science Subject related branches and Bio-Technology related branches are also eligible to study Computer Science and Science as pedagogy of School Subject respectively. The reservation of seats for the graduates in B.E./B.Tech. in each pedagogy of School Subjects (viz. Mathematics, Science & Computer Science) shall be 5% only.

k) Candidates who have passed Bachelor's Degree in Engineering with not less than 3 years of duration under lateral entry are also eligible for admission.

l) Post Graduate candidates in Economics and Commerce with not less than 50% (irrespective of their UG marks) of marks in PG Degree or in the interdisciplinary subjects, which are being declared equivalent by the respective University can apply.

m) Candidates, who have done their UG degree in the school subjects (Subject codes 1 to 6) are eligible for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed. However, those who have done the UG in the subjects for which equivalence is not covered under this G.O. are not eligible for admission.

n) Candidates, who have done their UG level without language Tamil or other Indian Languages under Part-I and are awarded degree with English and Main subjects concerned will be considered for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed. subject to the condition that they have to qualify in Tamil Language Test conducted by the TNPSC for the purpose of employment.

o) Candidates with at least fifty five percent marks either in the Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or Technology with specialization in Science and Mathematics are eligible for admission to the B.Ed.Spl.Ed. degree programme. All the B.E./ B.Tech. / M.E./ M.Tech., graduates irrespective of their Branch in Engineering are eligible to study either Mathematics or Science as Pedagogy of a School Subject. Apart from the B.E./ B.Tech./ M.E./ M.Tech., graduates in Computer Science related branches and Bio-Technology related branches are also eligible to study Computer Science and Biological Science as Pedagogy of a School Subject respectively.

xi) Candidates, with the following marks in the UG Degree are eligible for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed. degree programme with the subjects in Subject Codes 1 to 6. For the subjects in Serial no.7 to 8, PG Degree with not less than 50% marks is mandatory and the subject in UG and PG shall be one and the same.

Community/ Category	Minimum Marks
OC	50%
BC/BC(M)	45%
MBC/DNC	43%
SC/SC(A)/ST	40%

a) Marks obtained by the candidates in the UG Degree Course in Part-III & IV (Major and Allied/Ancillary including practicals) alone shall be taken into account to arrive at the percentage of marks mentioned above. If the candidates possess higher degree in the same subjects, weightage of marks for higher qualification will be given as mentioned herein item 6.4.b only for arriving at rank.

b) Marks obtained by the candidates in the PG Degree (Subject Codes 7 & 8) shall be considered eligible for admission, but weightage marks will not be given.

c) For the students who have done their Bachelors Degree in Engineering or Technology, the marks obtained in their Degree shall be taken into account.

d) Rounding of marks to the next higher integer shall not be permitted.

e) The candidates who are qualified in UG degree under Open University System after passing 10th Std. and +2 examinations shall alone be considered for admission to B.Ed. degree programme.

f) The candidates who are qualified in UG degree under Open University System without passing 10th Std. and +2 examinations and subsequently passing 10th and +2 examinations are **not eligible** for admission to B.Ed. degree programme.

g) In the case of Differently abled (Physically and Visually challenged) candidates, a minimum pass in the requisite qualification is enough.

xii) The basis of selection shall be in accordance with the RCI ODL Regulations / Regulations of the University / Government of Tamil Nadu Guidelines for admission to B.Ed. degree programme in force from time to time.

6.2   Reservation of Seats:

6.2.1 Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to BC, MBC/DNC, SC and ST Communities will be made as per the rules and regulations of the Government of Tamil Nadu, as follows.

Community	Reservation
(OC) Open Competition	31%
BC	26.5%
BCM	3.5%
MBC/DNC	20%
SC	15%
SCA (Arunthathiyars)	3%
ST	1%
TOTAL	100%

i) Admission to every Special Education Learner Support Centre (LSC) shall be made   strictly by following the Rule of Reservation as per law in force.

ii) For the Wards of Ex-Servicemen of Tamil Nadu origin, one seat will be reserved in each Programme Study Centre.

iii) **5% of the sanctioned strength will be reserved for Differently abled (Physically and Visually challenged) students.** **If required, the fitness of applicants with benchmark disabilities for admission is at the discretion of the Assessment Committee of the University on case-by-case basis.**

6.3   Method of Application:

i.   Accurate information about the percentage of marks is essential. The candidate is totally responsible for any incorrect information and incorrect percentage of marks.

ii.   The method of applying for B.Ed.Spl.Ed. programme is through **ONLINE** from TNOU website **www.tnou.ac.in**

iii.   The amount of Rs.500∕- (in case of SC/ST the application fee is Rs.250/-) towards the B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Application processing should be paid through online.

Last Date

1.   Last date for closing the Online Application Portal is **20.01.2024**

i)   Incomplete Applications will be considered defective. No correspondence will be entertained in this respect.

ii)   Candidates will have to produce all the Original Certificates *at the time of Admission Counselling* for verification and at any other time as required by the authorities. Selection will not be made if they do not produce the relevant documents at the time of counseling for verification.

2.   i)   The Candidates belong to Tamil Nadu only will be considered for Communal reservation. Candidates seeking admission against SC, SC Arunthathiyars, ST/MBC/DNC/BC Muslim, BC others quota should obtain the Certificate of Social Status in the prescribed permanent Community Certificate / Card of Tamilnadu and that should be produced at the time of *Admission Counselling.*

ii)   The ST candidates should obtain the Community Certificate only from the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) of their native place or Collector of their District.

6.4   Entrance Examination and Weightage Marks

Admission will be done based on the Score obtained in the Entrance Examination conducted by TNOU. Weightage marks will be given to the Candidates as per the weightage criteria.

a. Online Entrance Examination

➢   The Online Entrance Examination will be for the duration of **2 hours and for a maximum of 100 Marks with 100 Questions.**

➢   *Questions will be of multiple-choice type.*

➢   *The Question paper for Entrance Examination will be in bilingual i.e., Tamil and English.*

➢   *The Applicant's login details for Entrance Examination will be provided by the University.*

➢   The Results for B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Admission Counselling, 2024 will be published on the website of Tamil Nadu Open University **(www.tnou.ac.in).**

➢   **No revaluation:** *In the Entrance Examination, the answers are valued digitally for publishing result. Hence, there is no revaluation option for the candidates.*

The Structure of the Question paper will be as detailed below:

Section	Details	No.of Questions	No.of Marks
Section – I	General English Comprehension	10	10
Section – II	Logical and Analytical Reasoning	20	20
Section – III	General Knowledge	20	20
Section – IV	Aptitude for Teaching	15	15
Section – V	Awareness on Special Education	15	15
Section – VI	Teaching – Learning	20	20
	Total	100	100

b. Weightage:

The rank list will be prepared by awarding marks to the following criteria.

1. Entrance Examination   -   *100 marks*

2. Weightage for Disability related aspect   -   5 marks

    Parent of a child with disability (or)

    Person with disability   (or)

3. Weightage for Highest Educational Qualification: (In the same subject)

    Candidates with PG *(Subject codes of Sl.No.1-6)*   -   4 marks

    Candidates with M.Phil   -   5 marks
    Candidates with Ph.D   -   6 marks

    Candidates with PG *(Subject codes of Sl.No.7&8)* -   No marks

    Candidates with M.Phil   -   1 maks
    Candidates with Ph.D   -   2 marks

4. Weightage for Co-curricular Activities (UG Level)   -   3 marks
    - NSS (with two years enrolment in NSS and with a minimum of seven days participation in the Special Camp at College level alone will be considered).
      (or)
    - NCC (B or C Certificate at college level)
      (or)
    - Sports (Should have represented the college at University/State/National level).

6.5 Admission Counselling

The admission to the provisionally selected candidates for B.Ed. Special Education and allotment of Learner Support Centres will be made by the University at the time of admission.

- The B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Admission Counselling Dates along with selection list will be intimated through TNOU website.
- The candidates *should bring the following* Original certificates and Photostat copies during the Admission Counselling.
    - Entrance Examination Mark Statement (Original)
    - Entrance Examination Hall Ticket (Original)
    - Permanent Community Certificate.
    - Medical Certificate to be produced by Physically Handicapped / Government ID card (Unemployment Certificate to be produced for fee concession).
    - Ex-servicemen Certificate.

- o   10th, +2 / 3 year Diploma, D.Ed. in Special Education (VI/HI/ID), UG / PG Mark statements, Provisional / Convocation Certificates and other higher education qualification certificates.
- o   Certificates for Weightage Criteria (NCC/NSS/Sports, Disability related).
- o   Any other relevant document.

7   Important Dates (Tentative):

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8   Instructions to fill the online application.

- ➢ Candidates must apply for B.Ed. Spl.Ed. CY 2024 through Online Application only (www.tnou.ac.in).
- ➢ The details given in the Application cannot be changed.
- ➢ During the verification of the original certificates, if the information furnished is found incorrect, the Admission will be cancelled, even if the candidate is found eligible for the provisional selection. The candidate shall have no claim, whatsoever, on the admission in such circumstances.
- ➢ Candidates should fill all the items in the Online Application form.

----- All the best -----

B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme
LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES (LSCs)

S. No.	LSC Code	Study Centres Name & Address	Spcialisation VI/HI/IDD
1.	52	Dr. M.G.R. School for the Speech and Hearing Impaired, Ramavaram,MGR Gardens, Nandambakkam, Chennai – 600 089.	**Hearing Impairment**
2.	57	Indra Gandhi College of Special Education , Holy Cross Campus, Kanuvai, Thadagam Road, Coimbatore – 641 108	**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
3.	64	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped-Regional Centre, 522, Trunk Road, Poonamallee, Chennai-600 056.	**Visual Impairment**
4.	66	FDMSE, Ramakrishna Mission, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore – 641 020.	**Hearing Impairment**
5.	67	NKT College of Education, Triplicane Chennai	**Visual Impairment**
6.	68	CSI College of SPl.Education Pasumalai Madurai	**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
7.	69	FDMSE, Ramakrishna Mission, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore – 641 020.	**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
8.	70	Paul Institute of Special Teacher Training, Thandrampet, Tiruvannamalai-606707.	**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
9.	71	School of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai-600015	**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
10.	72	School of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai-600015	**Hearing Impairment**
11.	73	School of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai-600015	**Visual Impairment**