What is a Down Syndrome Education Specialist?
A Down Syndrome Education Specialist is an educator, professional, parent, and/or caregiver trained to help facilitate the education of students with Down syndrome.

What is the purpose of this program?
The goal of the Down Syndrome Education Specialist program is to provide tools, resources, and support for educators, professionals, and parents seeking to build a meaningful educational experience for students with Down syndrome.

How can someone become a Down Syndrome Education Specialist?
In order to become a highly valued "Down Syndrome Education Specialist" and educator, caregiver, or professional must attend all of the workshops covering topics such as educational strategies, behavior supports, curriculum modification, and technology. Individuals are welcome to attend a single session, however, to become a "specialist", attendance at all of the sessions is required.

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## Participants of the Down Syndrome Education Specialist Program will learn:

### Session 1: November 8, 2019 - 9am-3pm at the DSAGSL Office
- Basics about Down syndrome and how it affects learning
- Interpret the meaning of challenging behaviors and implement effective strategies
- Develop solutions for an inclusive classroom
- Use social story and visual supports in the classroom to improve behaviors

### Session 2: January 24, 2020 - 9am-3pm at the DSAGSL Office
- Work effectively with paraprofessionals and participate in classroom activities
- Utilize assistive technology to improve learning
- Develop and implement adapted curriculum

### Session 3: February 28, 2020 - 9am-3pm at the DSAGSL Office
- Use technology in the classroom
- Utilize visual supports, video modeling, and technology to increase student success
- Learn universal design techniques

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*Past participants on the most beneficial portion of the program:*

"What inclusion can look like. That people with Down syndrome can truly live."

"Ideas for assessing and adapting work; behavior management."

"Don't give up. Find a way."