TAMILNADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

(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-600015

Prospectus-2027

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 (the cost of Application is Rs.250/-in case of SC/ST candidates)

2. Eligibility:

- **Jurisdiction of the Programme:**The jurisdiction of the B.Ed.SPl.Ed.Programme is limited to the State of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, all Learner Support Centres (LSCs) and Examination Centres shall be located within the State of Tamil Nadu. Studetns are required to complete their Teaching Practice within the State of Tamil Nadu in schools recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- **Eligibility for Admission:** Candidates possessing the qualifications prescribed by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and those specified in G.O.(D) No.144 dated 18.06.2026B.Ed./M.Ed. Admission Guidelines for 2026-2027,Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, shall be eligible to apply for admission to B.Ed.Spl.Ed.programme.

Note :The candidatesare requested to go through the Prospectus thoroughlybeforeapplying through online.

3. Important Dates (Tentative):

Releasing of Online Application and Prospectus	**11.11.2026**
Closing of the Online Application portal	**10.12.2026**
Uploading the Eligibility list for the Entrance Examination	**15.12.2026**
Date of Entrance Examination	**20.12.2026**
Announcement of Entrance Examination Results Cut-off marks	**02.01.2027**
Admission Counselling	**20.01.2027**

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.144 dated 18.06.2026 B.Ed./M.Ed. Admission Guidelines for 2026-2027of 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.

- Divyang candidates with Hearing and Speech Impairments having a benchmark disability of 40% or above shall be subject to scrutiny by the Admission Committee to assess their suitability and fitness to pursue the B.Ed.Spl.Ed.Programme.

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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;

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

2. Duration of the Programme

TNOU offers B.Ed. Spl. Ed., programme in two patterns as follows;

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 Tamil and English. Application is common for both English and Tamil medium of B.Ed.Spl.EdProgramme. Candidates have to select any one of the media, 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. Programmeis 500. Each Special Education Learner Support Centre will be allotted a Maximum of 50 seats per batch(25 each for Tamil and English Medium).

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.**

Programme	Registration & Practical Exam Fee Rs.	Programme Fee:_____		Total Rs.
		Tuition Fee Rs.	SLM & Postal Charges Rs.	
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. (CY2027)	5,550/-	20,000/-	10,000/-	35,550/-

Note: Fees once remitted is **NOT** refundable.

*** No tuition feefor the unemployed candidates with benchmark disabilities (G.O.No.429, 18.10.2008).**

**** No fee for Transgender/Destitute widows (G.O.No.90, 07.06.2022).**

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 2027 are framed based on the RCI B.Ed.Spl.Ed. ODL Norms 2021 and theG.O.(D) No.144 dated 18.06.2026 B.Ed./M.Ed. Admission Guidelines for 2026-2027,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.144 dated 18.06.2026 B.Ed./M.Ed. Admission Guidelines for 2025-2026 of Higher Education (G1) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu)

Major Subjects Offered under B.Ed.Spl.EdProgramme 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
5	Social Science
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** qualifying in 11 years SSLC examination and one year of Pre-University Course (P.U.C) examination or 10+2 pattern of School Education examination are **not eligible** for admission, even if they subsequently qualify in 11 year SSLC and one year PUC or 10+2 pattern of School Education Examination.

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 (4^{th}& 5^{th} 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 History, Geography and Applied Geography can apply for Social Science.
g) Candidates who have done their UG degree in Computer Science, Information Technology and Computer Application can apply for Computer Science.
h) 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 Subjects, 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.

i) 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.

j) 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.

k) Candidates who have done their UG degree in the school subjects 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. They shall have to obtain an equivalence certificate for the respective subjects from the concerned University to consider their admission to B.Ed. Spl.Ed. degree programme.

l) Candidates who have done their UG level without the language Tamil or other Indian Languages under Part-I and are awarded a 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 the Tamil Language Test conducted by the TNPSC for the purpose of employment.

m) 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 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 considered to arrive at the percentage of marks mentioned above. If the candidates possess a 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) Rounding of marks to the next higher integer shall not be permitted.

d) 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.

e) 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.

f) 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, BC(M), MBC/DNC, SC, SC(A) 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 strictlyby 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 Learner Support Centre.

iii) **As per the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, 5% of the sanctioned strength will be reserved for Differently abled students in each LSC. Additionally, 5 seats are exclusively allotted for visually challenged candidates in each LSC.The fitness of applicants with benchmark disabilities for admission is at the discretion of the University.**

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 online.

Last Date

1. Last date for closing the Online Application Portal is 10.12.2026.

   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 obtainthe 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 the Entrance Examination will be 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, 2027 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

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 (refer to page No.15)will be made by the University at the time of admission.

- The B.Ed.Spl.Ed.Admission Counselling Dates along with selection listwill be intimated through the TNOU website.
- The candidates *should bring the following* Original certificates and Photostat copies during the Admission Counselling.
  - Copy of the Online Application.
  - Entrance Examination Mark Statement.
  - Permanent Community Certificate.
  - In case of a person with Disability: UDID/Disability ID card and Affidavit for Unemployment to be produced for fee concession.
  - In case of a parent of a child with Disability: UDID/Disability ID card of the child.
  - Ex-servicemen Certificate.
  - 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.
  - Certificates for Weightage Criteria (NCC/NSS/Sports, Disability related).
  - Any other relevant document.

7 Important Dates:

B.Ed.Spl.Ed.Programme CY 2026

Releasing of Online Application and Prospectus	**11.11.2026**
Closing of the Online Application portal	10.12.2026
Uploading the Eligibility list for the Entrance Examination	15.12.2026
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Admission Counselling	**20.01.2027**

8 Instructions to fill the online application.

- Candidates must apply for B.Ed. Spl.Ed. CY 2027 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.
- **Enter your Aadhar Number correctly in the online application.**

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

LIST OFLEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES (LSCs)

S.N.	Specialisation	LSC Code and Name with Contact Details
1.	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)	**57. Indira Gandhi College of Special Education,** Kanuvai, Thadagam Road, Coimbatore - 641 108
		68. CSI College of Education with Special Education, Pasumalai, Madurai-625004.
		70. Paul Institute of Special Teacher Training, Athiyanthal Village, Thiruvannamalai - 606603
2.	**Visual Impairment (VI)**	**64. NIVH - Regional Centre** Trunk Road, Poonamallee, Chennai - 600 056
		67. NKT College of Education Triplicane, Chennai – 600005
3.	**Hearing Impairment (HI)**	**52. Dr. M.G.R. College for Special Education** Ramavaram, MGR Gardens, Chennai – 600089.

B.Ed., Special Education Programme Structure
(4 & 5 Semester Patterns)

Semester	Theory Courses	AC Days (at LSC)	WorkshopDays (at LSC)	Practice Teaching Days (Within Tamil Nadu in consultation with the LSC)	TEE	FTP
1st	06	06	03	28 days (Observation in an inclusive/ Special schools/ Clinic)	06	
2nd	04	06	06	28 days (Inclusive School)	04	02
3rd	04	06	04	28 days (Major Disability specialisation)	04	
4th	05	05	04	28 days (Other than major Disability specialisation)	05	02
5th	--	--	3	28 days (School Placement/Internship)	03	02

Total	**19**	**23 Days**	**20 Days**	**112 Days + 28 days in 5th Semester**	**22 Days**	**06 Days**

*** 80% attendance is must for theory classes.**

**** 100% attendance is a must in all the Workshops.**

***** 5th Semester applies only to those admitted without D.Ed.,Spl.Ed. qualification.**

AC – Academic Counselling sessions
TEE – Term-end Examination
FTP – Final Teaching Practical Examination

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