

TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - ADOLESCENCE (MSEd)

This program is no longer accepting new students after Summer 2023 and will be discontinued. New York State is transitioning to an All Grades Special Education Certification. Students who matriculate in Fall 2023 or later will be enrolled in the All Grades Special Education Certification. Students who wish to switch to the All Grades certification should contact their advisor.

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The Special Education Master of Science Degree Program at Canisius is designed for those dedicated to meet the needs of students with disabilities, placing a strong emphasis on theory, research and practicum experience. The curriculum enables candidates to develop an understanding of etiology, related psychological and social factors and techniques proven effective for teaching students with diverse learning needs.

This program prepares candidates already holding an Adolescence Certificate (Grades 7-12) to gain Initial and Professional Certification in Students with Disabilities Adolescent Generalist and may also add a SWD content extension in their Adolescence subject area. Candidates with no prior certification and no content major may also take this program but will be required to have or complete 5 prerequisite courses and complete a second student teaching placement. These candidates will also gain Initial and Professional Certification in Students with Disabilities Adolescent Generalist but they will only qualify for a SWD subject area extension if they have 18 credits in an academic subject area.

Initial SWD Adolescence Generalist 7-12 Prerequisites for Those Without Prior Certification

Adolescence Human Growth & Development, Inclusive Strategies, Foundations of Adolescent Literacy, Evaluation & Teaching Strategies, and Foundations of Education. These prerequisites may be taken at the graduate or undergraduate level, at Canisius or another college offering teacher certification programs, and may be taken concurrent with the graduate program.

Middle Childhood

Candidates wishing to obtain an extension to teach grades 5-6 in their content area must add a middle childhood extension (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/graduate/school-education-human-services/educator-preparation/middle-childhood-extension/>).

SWD Generalist Content-Area Extensions

The Adolescence Students with Disabilities Generalist certification is not attached to typical adolescence content areas. If a candidate has earned 18 credits in an academic subject area, they will be qualified to add a certificate extension in their content area to their Students with Disabilities Generalist certificate for grades 7-12.

Licensure Disclosure

Canisius University cannot determine whether completion of this program would be sufficient to meet licensure requirements outside of New York State for the intended occupation. We advise you to contact your state licensing board or appropriate licensing entity (<https://wiki.canisius.edu/x/Hxi8BQ/>) to determine whether the program meets requirements for Professional Licensure in the state where you are located or the state in

which you intend to pursue licensure. Please contact the associate dean of your school if you have further questions.

Curriculum

Program Requirements for Candidates with Prior Adolescence Certification

Code	Title	Credits
SPE 580	Classroom Management	3
SPE 644	Collaborative Practices on a Transdisciplinary Team	3
EDU 556	Assessment for Diverse Learners	3
SPE 631	Reading and Writing Process for Students with Learning and Behavioral Disorders	3
SPE 640	Learning and Behavioral Disabilities (LBD); Etiology and Research Based Interventions	3
SPE 649	Transition Issues for Adolescents with Disabilities	3
SPE 650	Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders: Etiology & Educational Needs	3
SPE 652	Functional Curriculum for Students with Severe Disabilities and ASD	3
EDU 615	Research Methods	3
Choose one of the following options (in consultation with the program director)		3
SPE 698	Seminar in Teaching and Assessment	
Special Education Elective		
Student Teaching		4.5
SPE 692	Student Teaching	
SPE 697	Student Teaching Seminar	
Total Credits		34.5

Program Requirements for Candidates Pursuing Initial Certification

Adolescence Human Growth & Development, Inclusive Strategies, Foundations of Adolescent Literacy, Evaluation & Teaching Strategies, and Foundations of Education. These prerequisites may be taken at the graduate or undergraduate level, at Canisius or another college offering teacher certification programs, and may be taken concurrent with the graduate program. Canisius courses that meet these prerequisites include EDAD 535, SPE 541, EDAD 536, EDAD 504, EDR 504, EDAD 572, and EDU 505 (or their undergraduate equivalents).

Middle Childhood

Candidates wishing to obtain an extension to teach grades 7-9 in their content area must add a middle childhood extension (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/graduate/school-education-human-services/educator-preparation/middle-childhood-extension/>).

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**Prerequisites for Students with Disabilities (SWD)
for ALL candidates.**

1. Six credit hours in English
2. Six credit hours in math
3. Six credit hours in social studies
4. Six credit hours in science