

CHILDHOOD 1-6/SPECIAL EDUCATION ALL GRADES (MSED)

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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 results in initial New York State Certification in *Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Teaching Students with Disabilities (All Grades - PreK-12)*.

Grade Requirements

Graduate students seeking endorsement from Canisius University for certification must achieve a C or above in all program coursework and a 3.0 or above overall GPA. Failure to meet this requirement will require repeating the course and/or completing additional coursework.

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://canisius.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/AcadAffairs/pages/34964198/Professional+Licensure+Notification/>) 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.

Residency Program

This program may be completed through a traditional or residency pathway. Both pathways include scaffolded field experiences, but the traditional pathway culminates in two, seven-week student teaching placements while a full year paid residency is the culminating experience for the residency pathway.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
EDCH 509	Literacy and the Arts in the Elementary Classroom (20 hours of field experience required)	3
EDCH 540	Learning and Development Birth to Grade 6	3
EDU 505	Foundations of Education	3
EDU 556	Assessment for Diverse Learners	3
EDU 570	Pre-Student Teaching (50 hours of field experience required)	3
EDU 572	Teaching Social Studies Integrating English Language Arts	3
EDU 595	Child Abuse Workshop	0
EDU 596	Prevention of School Violence Workshop	0
EDU 597	Dignity for All Students Workshop	0
EDU 598	Student Teaching Seminar	0

EDU 615	Research Methods	3
EDU 628	Teaching Math & Science: Supporting STEM Education	3
SPE 541	Inclusive Strategies	3
SPE 580	Classroom Management	3
SPE 593	Student Teaching	9
SPE 631	Reading and Writing Process for Students with Learning and Behavioral Disorders (25 hours of field experience required)	3
SPE 640	Learning and Behavioral Disabilities (LBD); Etiology and Research Based Interventions	3
SPE 649	Transition 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 (25 hours of field experience required)	3
Total Credits		54

Program Requirements

Candidates need to have met these requirements to apply for the All Grades certification. These courses may be done before or concurrently with the program. Only courses with grades of C or better will count for this requirement.

1. English - 6 credit hours
2. Math - 6 credit hours
3. Science - 6 credit hours
4. Social Studies - 6 credit hours

Early Childhood

Candidates wishing to extend their certification to include Birth to Grade 2 should consult their academic adviser for options.

Middle Childhood

Candidates wishing to obtain an extension to teach grades 7-9 (thus enabling candidates to teach in their 18 credit subject area only) must add a middle childhood extension (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/graduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-education-leadership-studies/educator-preparation/middle-childhood-extension/>). Consult your advisor to determine if this is possible based on an undergraduate degree audit.

Roadmap

This roadmap is for candidates that want to complete the program as quickly as possible. Students should speak to their faculty advisor if they would like to go part-time because they can also go through the program by taking fewer courses by semester.

First Year	Spring	Summer
Fall		
EDU 505	SPE 640	EDCH 540
EDU 595 (0 credit)	SPE 631 (requires 25 hour field experience)	SPE 652 (Requires 25 hour field experience)
EDU 596 (0 credit)	EDU 572	
EDU 597 (0 credit)	EDU 628	
EDCH 509 (Requires 20 hour field experience)		
SPE 341		

SPE 650	
Second Year	
Fall	Spring
SPE 580	SPE 593
SPE 556	EDU 598
EDU 570 (Requires 50 hours of field experience)	EDU 615
Option to add one more course if in need of content, EDY, or EMC credits	EDAD 535