

# CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 1-6/SPECIAL EDUCATION 1-6 (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 results in initial New York State Certification in *Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)* and *Teaching Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)*.

## Grade Requirements

Graduate students enrolled in initial certification programs must achieve a C or above in all course requirements and a B- or above in all graduate program coursework. Failure to meet these requirements will require repeating the course &/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.

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 505	Foundations of Education	3
EDCH 509	Literacy and the Arts in the Elementary Classroom	3
EDCH 540	Learning and Development Birth to Grade 6	3
SPE 541	Inclusive Strategies	3
EDU 556	Assessment for Diverse Learners	3
SPE 580	Classroom Management	3
SPE 644	Collaborative Practices on a Transdisciplinary Team	3
SPE 640	Learning and Behavioral Disabilities (LBD); Etiology and Research Based Interventions	3
SPE 631	Reading and Writing Process for Students with Learning and Behavioral Disorders	3
EDU 628	Teaching Math & Science: Supporting STEM Education	3
EDU 572	Teaching Social Studies Integrating English Language Arts	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
EDU 570	Pre-Student Teaching	3
SPE 593	Student Teaching	9
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
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>54</b>

## Prerequisites

Candidates need the following prerequisites to pursue this dual-certification program. They may be done before or concurrently with the program.

1. English - 3 credit hours
2. Math - 3 credit hours
3. Science - 3 credit hours
4. Social Studies - 3 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 30 credit subject area only) must add a middle childhood extension (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/graduate/school-education-human-services/educator-preparation/middle-childhood-extension/>). Consult your advisor to determine if this is possible based on an undergraduate degree audit.