

# TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - CHILDHOOD (MS)

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 meeting 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 a Childhood Certificate (Grades 1-6) to gain Initial and Professional Certification in Students with Disabilities 1-6.

## 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

Code	Title	Credits
SPE 580	Classroom Management	3
EDU 556	Assessment for Diverse Learners	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
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
Take one of the following (in consultation with program director)		3
EDU 570	Pre-Student Teaching	
Special Education Elective		
SPE 592	Student Teaching	4.5
Total Credits		31.5

## Early Childhood

Candidates wishing to extend their certification to teach birth to grade 2 should consult their adviser.

## 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/>).