



ST. JOHN'S
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THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Online Graduate Program: M.S.Ed. in Teaching Children with Disabilities, Childhood Education

Online Program in Teaching Children with Disabilities in Childhood Education, Master of Science in Education

Campus Availability

Online

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Brief Program Description

The Department of Education Specialties in The School of Education offers a 33-credit graduate program that qualifies students for New York State initial certification as a teacher of students with disabilities at the childhood level (grades 1–6).

List of Career Possibilities

- Special Education Teacher
- Resource Room Teacher
- Special Education Coordinator
- Advocate
- Consultant
- Professional Development
- Early Intervention Provider
- Special Education Itinerary Teacher

What Makes Our Program Unique? Why Come Here?

St. John's University has earned a national and international reputation for preparing ethical leaders for today's global society. For more than 100 years, The School of Education has trained undergraduate and graduate students from across the country and around the world to serve in public and private school systems throughout the New York City region and the nation.

Students at St. John's represent a wide range of nationalities, ethnicities, and faith traditions. This fosters the cosmopolitan atmosphere you would expect of a world-class Catholic university—reflecting the remarkable diversity of New York City itself.

Established in 1908, The School of Education earned distinction early in its history. It was the second collegiate school of its kind in New York State to award graduate degrees to teachers. The School of Education prepares students for professional teaching and administrative positions at all levels of education, bringing the values inherent in social justice, human rights, and dignity to your program of study.

According to the New York City Department of Education, "St. John's graduates were rated highest in retention, the percentage of teachers still employed in the NYC DOE three years after hire; were second-best in tenure approval; had the lowest number receiving 'unsatisfactory' ratings their first year; and 91 percent of its teacher graduates were rated 'highly effective' or 'effective' as reflected in student growth scores on fourth- through eighth-grade math and English tests."

As of 2014, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked St. John's graduate program in education as the fifth highest out of 166 graduate online programs evaluated across the nation. At St. John's, you will develop your ability to create a productive and effective learning environment; plan and implement instructional activities; monitor and assess student learning; and interact effectively with educational communities, service organizations, citizens' groups, and the media.

Why Enroll in a St. John's Special Education Program?

- Outstanding faculty committed to developing highly qualified and ethical teaching professionals
- Programs with an emphasis on educational practices with documented effectiveness for teaching diverse learners from birth to grade 12
- Multiple opportunities for engagement in professional activities, academic service-learning, and global education consistent with the University's Catholic and Vincentian mission

- Faculty with extensive experience as school and community-based professionals who are actively engaged in school-based research and service activities
- Faculty who regularly present at local, national, and international special education conferences
- Faculty who have published in highly regarded peer-reviewed education and special education journals including *Review of Educational Research*, *Learning Disability Quarterly*, *Learning Disability Research & Practice*, *Behavior Modification*, *Preventing School Failure*, *Beyond Behavior*, *Intervention in School and Clinic*, *International Review of Research in MR*, *American Journal of Mental Retardation*, *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, *International Journal of Inclusive Education*, and *International Interdisciplinary Journal of Education*

Why Enroll in a Special Education Online Master's Program?

1. You attend class anytime, anywhere, and any way you choose.
2. You interact with students from different locations, perspectives, and backgrounds.
3. You access materials and interact with professors when convenient for you.
4. You learn about and experience the latest technology.
5. You maximize learning tailored to your learning style for optimum success.
6. You can stay at home and avoid the commute to and from a campus location.
7. You learn at your own pace and schedule course work as it works for you.
8. You can balance work, studies, and personal life.
9. You participate in interactive and creative online learning opportunities
10. You will be prepared for careers in an increasingly global and digital world

Internships/Placement

Special education students complete 150 hours of practicum in various settings including self-contained, inclusive, and mainstreamed classrooms. St. John's program is unique in that it allows students to develop skills to teach exceptional students in schools, clinics, and early intervention settings. Students are exposed to instructors, current researchers, and leaders in the field of special education who have many years of experience and expertise working directly with children in diverse, multicultural, and high-needs urban and suburban school settings.