



The University of Delaware's M.Ed. in Exceptional Children and Youth (Special Education) is designed to develop professional educators committed to careers that involve children, youth, and adults with disabilities. This program is appropriate for teachers with a teaching certificate in either general or special education who wish to develop advanced knowledge and skills. The program may also be appropriate for individuals who are not teachers but have other experience in the disability field and wish to pursue an advanced degree only.

For Delaware teachers, this program may be a path to a second certificate in special education as a Delaware Teacher of Exceptional Children Grades K-12 or a Delaware Teacher of Students with Autism or Students with Severe Intellectual Disabilities. For teachers outside of Delaware, we encourage you to contact your state certification office to determine whether this program may lead to special education certification.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Customize your M.Ed. degree by selecting a concentration in Elementary Special Education, Secondary Special Education, or Autism/Severe Disabilities.
- Choose a certification or non-certification track. Certified teachers can complete coursework to meet Delaware special education certification requirements.
- Gain advanced knowledge in applied human development in schools, special education instruction, assistive technology, educational evaluation, techniques for behavior change and positive behavior support, and more.
- Complete 33 credits in 2 years with flexible, 7-week courses in Fall/Spring and 5-week courses in Winter/Summer.
- Work with nationally-recognized special education faculty in the University of Delaware School of Education, honored for both teaching and research.

CONCENTRATIONS

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION

The concentration in Elementary Special Education prepares educators to teach and serve students in grades K-8 with special education needs. Students take coursework in applied human development in schools, elementary special education instruction, assistive technology, educational evaluation, techniques for behavior change and positive behavior support, collaborative teaming in special education, and other topics.

SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION

The concentration in Secondary Special Education prepares educators to teach and serve students in grades 9-12 with special education needs. Students take coursework in applied human development in schools, secondary special education instruction, assistive technology, educational evaluation, techniques for behavior change and positive behavior support, collaborative teaming in special education, and other topics.

AUTISM/SEVERE DISABILITIES

The concentration in Autism/Severe Disabilities prepares educators to teach and serve students in grades K-12 with autism or other severe disabilities. Students take coursework in applied human development in schools, functional communication for individuals with autism or severe disabilities, school-to-adult life transitions, techniques for behavior change and positive behavior support, collaborative teaming in special education, and other topics.

As a leading university in the field, UD had the first Delaware Department of Education-approved Autism certification program. Classes are taught by experts in the field, and staff in the program collectively have over 150 years experience in Autism research. UD has a number of affiliated research centers and schools on campus, including the Center for Disabilities Studies, the Lab School, the Early Learning Center, and The College School (a school for students with learning differences on campus). Families of children, adolescents and adults with Autism bring family members to UD faculty for assessment and treatment.



TO APPLY

For more information about graduate admission and to apply online, visit the Office of Graduate and Professional Education at www.udel.edu/gradoffice.

FUNDING

The School of Education recognizes and supports the work of its graduate students through awards and scholarships. The University of Delaware's Graduate College is also committed to facilitating funding and fellowships for the graduate student body.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

July 1: Final deadline to apply for study beginning the following fall term.

November 1: Final deadline to apply for study beginning the following spring term.

May 15: Final deadline to apply for study beginning the following summer term.

CONTACT

Kristen Ritchey, Program Coordinator

015C Willard Hall, 16 W Main St
Newark, DE 19716

P: (302) 831-2325

E: kritchey@udel.edu

Learn more at www.education.udel.edu

