

## About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

## About the College of Education and Human Services

With a 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.



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## Special Education and Learning Disabilities Advanced Graduate Study



Making a  
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## Overview

The Special Education programs at Montclair State University are designed so that certified teachers and Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultants develop a comprehensive understanding of special education. This includes knowledge about the field of special education and the relationship of special education to the family, other disciplines, and the community. We believe it is important for special educators to understand not only the nature and discourse in their given discipline, but the role the discipline plays in society. Without this disciplinary grounding, special educators will not be able to facilitate their students' learning and development. In keeping with this principle, the special education faculty is committed to aiding our students to develop competencies in research-based special education practices for instruction and assessment, and to cultivating their ability to use these competencies to increase inclusive education in New Jersey schools. Although the certification in special education in New Jersey is generic, rather than disability specific, we emphasize preparing professionals to work with those who have mild to moderate disabilities. The underlying philosophy of our programs is that appropriate special education will enhance the quality of life for children with disabilities and their families, and this, in turn, is good for schools and communities.

## Programs

The Department of Curriculum and Teaching offers several master's and certification programs to meet the needs of graduate students in the areas of special education and learning disabilities. These are advanced programs for certified teachers. They include:

### Graduate Programs in Learning Disabilities

The **Master of Education in Learning Disabilities** program prepares students to be Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultants (LDT-Cs). The LDT-C is the member of the Child Study Team who is responsible for the assessment, placement, IEP (Individualized Educational Program) development and program monitoring for students referred for special education services. An essential component of the role is to provide consultation and in-service training for teachers regarding a student's educational program. This program is open to certified teachers. This master's program also provides graduates with certification for Learning

Disabilities Teacher-Consultants from the State of New Jersey. For students who have a master's degree in special education or a related field, we offer the **Post-Master's Certification Program in Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant**.

### Graduate Programs in Special Education

The **Master of Education in Special Education** program equips general education teachers with the knowledge, skills and competencies needed to instruct students with disabilities, and provides graduates with Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification through the State of New Jersey. The program emphasis is on inclusive education. For students seeking the certification only, we offer the **Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification**.



## Admission Requirements

Applicants to the **Master of Education in Special Education** or the **Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification** program must have a bachelor's degree and must hold a standard certification or certificate of eligibility with advanced standing [New Jersey Elementary (K-5) or New Jersey Early Childhood (P-3) or New Jersey Subject Area certification].

Applicants to the **Master of Education in Learning Disabilities** or the **Post-Master's Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Certification** program must hold a standard certification. Evidence of one year of successful teaching experience must also be provided, and students must have completed 3 years of teaching by the end of the program to be eligible to receive certification. Applicants to the **Post-Master's Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Certification** program must have earned a master's degree in education, reading, psychology, special education, or a similar field of study.

## For further information

<http://www.montclair.edu/cehs/academic/curriculumteach/>  
<http://www.montclair.edu/cehs/academic/ecele/>

## Apply online

[www.montclair.edu/graduate](http://www.montclair.edu/graduate)

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate/prospective/tuition.shtml>

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantships and scholarships may be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>.

## Contact

For **Teacher of Students with Disabilities for P-3** certified teachers, please contact Nancy Lauter, Graduate Program Coordinator, at [lautern@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:lautern@mail.montclair.edu) or 973-655-5407.

For **all other programs** mentioned in this brochure, please contact Elaine Fine, Graduate Program Coordinator, at [fine@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:fine@mail.montclair.edu) or 973-655-7361.

