COUNSELING, HIGHER EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education (CHSE)

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Note: The Minor in Special Education is under review. For further information, please contact the Office of Student Services, 1204 Benjamin Bldg, 301-405-2364 or ed-advising@umd.edu.

The minor in Special Education provides opportunities for undergraduates to enroll in a sequence of education courses to determine if working with students with disabilities is a viable career option. For individuals interested in pursuing this career option, a one-year M.Ed. program, leading to certification as a special educator, is also available. 18 credits are required for this minor.

- Two courses (6 credits) may overlap with a student's major.
- Individuals pursuing the minor must select one of three age-based specializations: Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary Special Education.
- The minor incorporates coursework to meet the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) reading requirements that are part of the special education teacher certification requirements.
- A cumulative 2.75 GPA and junior status (60 credits) is required for enrollment in all professional education courses (i.e., all courses required for the minor except EDSP210/EDSP470).
- All courses for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better.
- No more than two courses (6 credits) may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland.

### Core Courses

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<td>EDSP416</td>
<td>Reading and Writing Instruction in Special Education</td>
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### Specialization

Select one of the following specializations:

- Early Childhood Special Education
- Elementary Special Education
- Secondary Special Education

**Total Credits** 18

### Specializations

#### Early Childhood Special Education

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<td>EDSP423</td>
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**Total Credits** 6

#### Elementary Special Education

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### Minor and M.Ed. Teacher Certification Program

For individuals interested in pursuing special education teacher certification, a one-year M.Ed. program is available after completing the 18-hour minor in special education and an undergraduate degree. To be admitted to this M.Ed. Special Education program, program applicants must apply to the graduate school (www.gradschool.umd.edu) during their senior year and pass the Praxis CORE test at scores established by the Maryland State Department of Education (http://www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/teacher_education/praxisinfo.html). All teacher candidates at the University of Maryland must pass Praxis II prior to the teaching internship.

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### Programs

#### Major

- Elementary/Middle Special Education Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/counseling-higher-special-education/elementary-middle-special-education-major)

#### Minors

- Leadership Studies Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/counseling-higher-special-education/leadership-studies-minor)
- Special Education Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/counseling-higher-special-education/special-education-minor)
Certificate

- Leadership Studies Certificate (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/counseling-higher-special-education/leadership-studies-certificate)

Advising

Advising is mandatory for all special education majors. For more information or to schedule an advising appointment, contact the Office of Student Services, ed-advising@umd.edu (301-405-2364).

Opportunities

Fieldwork Opportunities

Candidates participate in a number of early field experiences during their junior year. A two-semester internship is arranged for teacher candidates in their senior year. The internship and other field experiences allow teacher candidates to apply concepts and techniques presented in university-based courses in a field placement setting.

Internships

The yearlong, two-semester internship, which is the culminating experience in the teacher preparation program, takes place in a partner school or a Professional Development School (PDS) during the senior year of the program.

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

The Special Education program encourages student participation in extracurricular activities within and outside of the University. Opportunities include the Council for Exceptional Children. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services in 1204 Benjamin Building.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Special Education Endowed Fund in honor of Jean R. Hebeler is devoted to supporting candidates preparing to work with individuals with disabilities. Awards are competitive. Applications are accepted in the spring semester for the following academic year.

In addition, the College of Education offers a number of scholarships. Please visit http://www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/scholarships.html for more information. The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: www.financialaid.umd.edu.