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Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education (SPED)

Why Apply?

- Three-year cohort program with evening courses
- Certification in Special Education (Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary)
- Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)
- MCPS provides full tuition cost as an MCPS Employee benefit. The student is expected to pay student & university fees.

Program Information

The Towson University M.Ed. in SPED program is for post baccalaureate students who are certified to teach in any area other than Special Education. Courses meet once a week in nine-week sessions, which allow students to take two classes per semester but only have one class at a time. Students are admitted in the Fall of odd numbered years (2023, 2025, 2027, etc.). The M.Ed. program is a cohort program which admits a limited number of students each year, on a first come, first served basis. Students are encouraged to apply and submit all required documents early, but no earlier than 12 months prior to the start of the program.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, students must:

- Complete and submit a FERPA agreement form.
- Be an employee of Montgomery County Public Schools
- Have a GPA of 3.0 (a GPA between 2.50 and 2.99 may qualify an applicant for conditional admission)
- Submit a complete application including:
 - Official Transcripts
 - A copy of teaching certificate
 - Resume
 - One letter of recommendation
 - Written statement

After admissions, but prior to starting classes, students will attend orientation at USG.

**Students should plan to apply in the Fall for entrance into the program the following Fall (One year prior).

For more information, please visit <https://shadygrove.umd.edu/universities/towson-university>

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The M.Ed. in Special Education begins cohorts in the fall of ODD-numbered years (ex. 2023, 2025, 2027 etc.)

- _____ 1. The M.Ed. program is only open to teachers (early childhood, elementary, secondary, art, music, physical education, elective specialist, etc.) who currently hold a valid Maryland Teaching Certification in any area EXCEPT special education.
You must provide an electronic copy of your teaching certificate with your online application. *If are not a certified teacher, please consider our [Master of Arts in Teaching program](#).*
- _____ 2. **Obtain employment with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).** The M.Ed. in Special Education program is ONLY open to current MCPS employees.
If you are not an MCPS employee, please contact the Program Coordinator.
- _____ 3. **Apply to Towson University.** We will begin accepting applications **one year** prior to the cohort start date. Do not apply on your own without first contacting Marc Trainum or Eric Kuhn for the specific USG TLN M.Ed. application link.
 - **Submit official transcripts.** Students must submit official transcripts from **all** colleges/universities attended. Transcripts should be sent to gradtranscript@towson.edu* *Students should take note of how and where they submit their transcripts
 - **Submit one letter of recommendation.** You **MUST** complete this process by submitting contact information for your recommender in the online application
 - **Submit a résumé.** Please include in section 6 of the online application
 - **Submit a written statement**
 - **Submit a copy of your teaching certificate.** Please include in the “Additional Documents” area of section 6 of the online application
- _____ 4. **Towson University- MCPS higher education partnership at USG reminder:**
 - Hold a valid teaching certification in any area OTHER than Special Education
A digital copy of your teaching certificate should be included with your online application
 - Be an employee of Montgomery County Public Schools
 - Have a GPA of at least 3.0 (*A GPA between 2.50 and 2.99 may qualify an applicant for conditional admission.*)
Submit a **complete** application with **ALL** additional materials (See step 4 above)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Master of Education in Special Education (Early Childhood, Elementary/Middle, Secondary Tracks)

Prerequisites:

- Teacher certification in any area other than Special Education
- Employed by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

FALL, YEAR 1	Credits	SPRING, YEAR 1	Credits
SPED 637: Inclusion for the Classroom Teacher	3	SPED 604: Action Research in Special Education	3
SPED 631: Classroom Strategies and Interventions for Diverse Student Populations	3	SPED 632: Assessment Issues for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students.	3
TOTAL CREDITS	6	TOTAL CREDITS	6

FALL, YEAR 2	Credits	SPRING, YEAR 2	Credits
SPED 525: Formal Tests and Measurements for Students with Disabilities K-12	3	SPED 527: Curriculum / Methods of Social, Emotional, & Motor Development for Students with Disabilities K-12 (ECED, ELED)	3
SPED 620: Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3	SPED 601: Curriculum / Methods of Instruction Secondary Transition (SCED)	3
		SPED 605 Working with Families with Students with Disabilities	3
TOTAL CREDITS	6	TOTAL CREDITS	6

FALL, YEAR 3	Credits	SPRING, YEAR 3	Credits
SPED 646: Using Technology to Differentiate Instruction	3	SPED 603: Informal Tests and Measurements for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 607: Curriculum / Methods of classroom Management for Students with Disabilities	3	SPED 641: Curriculum / Methods of Instruction K-12	3
TOTAL CREDITS	6	TOTAL CREDITS	6