M.S. IN SPECIAL EDUCATION:
SEVERE OR MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The graduate-level special education program at St. John Fisher College prepares teachers for distinguished careers in special education and is designed for those seeking a deeper understanding of special education laws and best practices, with a focus on students with severe or multiple disabilities.

The 30 credit-hour (10 class) master’s program features integrated coursework and practicum and is completed in three semesters. Class materials are tailored to fit the specific grade level (childhood or adolescence) you will teach. The program also includes a four-course module to build teacher leader skills in special education.

Applicants to the program must hold initial dual certification in childhood/special education or adolescence/special education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Hybrid program with a combination of online and in-seat courses.

• Convenient scheduling enables you to earn your master’s degree in one year (three semesters).

• Master’s degree can be used for NYS professional certification requirements.

• Diverse and rewarding learning experiences.

• The Severe or Multiple Disabilities Annotation will attach to your grade level initial certification.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Completed application

• Application fee

• Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university

• Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work (if applicable)

• Two recommendations (which can be submitted online)

• Current résumé

• Personal statement

• A copy of New York State Teaching Certification

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact the Office of Transfer and Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or grad@sjfc.edu.

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ABOUT THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education provides numerous degree options to prepare education professionals for certification and careers in schools, elementary through high school. With the School’s emphasis on social justice, you will learn how to engage your own students as they develop, making a lasting impact on individual lives and the greater community.

ACCREDITATION

The School of Education’s teacher education program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. NCATE transitioned to the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) as the new accrediting body for educator preparation.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

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