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# OHIO PRE-KINDERGARTEN SPECIAL NEEDS ENDORSEMENT FULLY ONLINE [www.msj.edu/teach](http://www.msj.edu/teach)

## WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Graduate programs at the Mount have a strong reputation of innovation, quality, and academic excellence. Class sizes enable faculty to create valuable connections between learning, research, and the professional work environment. MSJ graduate students appreciate the consistent interaction with faculty, both as educators and mentors.

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Education Programs.

## OHIO PRE-KINDERGARTEN SPECIAL NEEDS ENDORSEMENT ONLINE

Ohio licensed educators who hold a prekindergarten certificate, special certificate for education of the handicapped, primary or intervention specialist license can earn this fully online endorsement to teach students ages 3-5 with special needs.

The Mount was among the first institutes of higher education to offer non-traditional programs in greater Cincinnati. For over 100 years, the Mount has successfully prepared educators for the teaching profession. The School of Education at Mount St. Joseph University is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## MEET THE MOUNT

At Mount St. Joseph University, we're eager to provide you with the ideal college experience, one filled with transformative learning, lifelong connections, personal fulfillment, and career opportunity. Connect with our team and experience the dedication you can expect throughout your college journey.

It's never been easier to visit the Mount. Choose the way that fits your lifestyle: connect virtually, or come to our scenic campus overlooking the Ohio River, just 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati. We're excited to have you meet with our world-class faculty and dedicated team of professionals. At the end of your visit, you'll fully understand how an MSJ education will empower you to become a competent, compassionate, critical thinker—ready to make meaningful impact on the world.

Go to [www.msj.edu/visit](http://www.msj.edu/visit) to explore your options and select the visit format that meets your needs.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Fully online program delivering high-quality content.
- Flexible course delivery allows working adults to continue their employment.

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## GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The School of Education at Mount St. Joseph University offers the following Teacher Advancement programs:

- 2nd License
- Master of Arts: Pedagogical Science  
*This is a combination of 2 endorsements + graduate core classes*
- Ohio Gifted Intervention Specialist (K-12) Endorsement
- Ohio Teacher Leader Endorsement
- Ohio PreK Special Needs Endorsement
- Ohio Reading Endorsement
- Master of Arts: Reading Science
- Dyslexia Certificate
- Ed.D. in Reading Science
- Early Childhood Education – PreK-5th grade  
Option for dual-license with Special Education
- Reading Science Certificate
- Computer Science Endorsement
- DEI Certificate.



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- 13-16 credit hour program can be completed in two semesters, with many students using courses to renew teaching licenses.
- Students are prepared to work with diverse populations within the context of early childhood special education.
- Small cohorts allow for a more personalized learning experience.
- Courses are taught by highly-qualified faculty with extensive experience in early childhood special education.
- Educators on a provisional license can earn their endorsement while teaching preschool children with special needs.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Potential students must meet the following requirements:

- A completed online application at [www.msj.edu/apply](http://www.msj.edu/apply).
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- A copy of current Ohio teaching license.
- A letter of intent including reasons for applying to the program and professional goals.
- A current resumé.
- Official college transcripts sent to Graduate Admission showing a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0; a GPA below 3.0 requires completion of the GRE.
- Names and contact information for two professional references.

## FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

SED 515: Human Exceptionalities Across the Lifespan (3)\*

SED 521: Assessment and Communication Development for Special Education (3)

SED 534: Methods/Materials for Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs (3)

## SECOND SEMESTER COURSES

SED 524: School, Home Support and Intervention Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs (3)

SED 665: Medical Issues & Learning Process Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs (3)

SED 662: Internship for Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs (1)

\* Required prerequisite if no equivalent course work

Visit [www.msj.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.msj.edu/gradcatalog) for the most current course requirements and descriptions.

## MISSION

The School of Education, aligned with the mission of Mount St. Joseph University, prepares highly qualified, collaborative, caring and reflective educators who uphold the tradition of social responsibility, academic excellence, and ethical leadership.

## VISION

The School of Education through innovative programs that are rooted in quality and rigorous research, will:

- Nurture educators who are knowledgeable, collaborative, ethical, and committed to diverse and inclusive practices
- Prepare educators to make an impact on P-12 student learning and improve the schools in which they will serve.



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