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# OHIO EDUCATOR ENDORSEMENTS FULLY ONLINE

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## 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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All of Mount St. Joseph University's Ohio educator endorsement programs are designed for the working adult, with flexible course delivery that is convenient to an educator's schedule, and the ability to complete classes fully online while continuing to teach.

ENDORSEMENT	HOW MANY CLASSES?	HOW MANY SEMESTERS?	START DATE
Ohio Pre-K Special Needs	5-6	2-3	May
Ohio Reading Endorsement	6	3	January, May, August
Ohio Teacher Leader	3	2	May
Ohio Gifted Intervention Specialist (K-12)	5	Less than 3	May

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants 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.

## GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The School of Education at Mount St. Joseph University offers the following Ohio initial licensure programs for those already possessing a bachelor's degree:

- Primary – Pre-K through 5th grade
- Middle Childhood Education – Grades 4-9  
Language Arts, Mathematics,  
Social Studies, Science
- Secondary Education – Grades 7-12  
Biology, Chemistry, Language Arts,  
Mathematics, Social Studies,  
Integrated Science
- Visual Arts Multi-age – Grades K-12
- Music Multi-age – Grades K-12
- Special Education – Grades K-12
- Master of Arts: Pedagogical Science  
*This is a combination of 2 endorsements +  
graduate core classes*
- Ed.D. in Reading Science.

Additionally, the school offers the following options for those already holding an Ohio teaching license:

- Gifted Intervention Specialist
- Teacher Leader
- Reading (K-12)
- Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs
- 2nd License
- DEI Certificate
- Computer Science Endorsement.



## 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.

## OHIO PRE-KINDERGARTEN SPECIAL NEEDS ENDORSEMENT

The Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs online option is designed for those who already possess a current Special Education or Primary Ohio teaching license. Upon completing the Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs Endorsement, teachers will be equipped to work with children ages 3-5 who have special needs.

- 13-16 credit hours – can be completed in 2-3 semesters
- 5-6 classes

## OHIO READING ENDORSEMENT

Mount St. Joseph University's Reading Science Program – which includes the Ohio Reading Endorsement – is one of the first in the nation to be accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and has earned the Accreditation Plus level. Developed according to Ohio Department of Education standards, the Program provides in-depth knowledge on the theories, practice, and technology in the field of reading education. Adding the Reading Endorsement to an Ohio teaching license prepares teachers for reading instruction across grades.

- 18 credit hours – can be completed in 3 semesters
- 6 classes
- The first 15 credit hours of the Ohio Reading Endorsement allow for a student to receive the Reading Science Certificate.

## OHIO TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT

The Teacher Leader Endorsement is available to those who have an existing teaching license, four years of teaching experience, and are in process toward a master degree. Our Teacher Leader Endorsement Program offers real-time integration of learning and enhancing teachers' professional work. The Endorsement prepares teachers to pursue leadership roles in their school settings such as mentoring other teachers, leading professional development, and participating in decision-making opportunities.

- 9 credit hours – can be completed in 2 semesters
- 3 classes

## OHIO GIFTED INTERVENTION SPECIALIST (K-12) ENDORSEMENT

The Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement is available to those who have an existing Ohio teaching license and are interested in working with specific gifted and talented populations. The Endorsement also prepares teachers to serve in district leadership around gifted and talented students. Teachers are able to immediately apply course concepts in their school settings in order to improve outcomes for K-12 students.

- 15 credit hours – can be completed in less than 3 semesters
- 5 classes



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