

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND DISABILITY RESEARCH

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The George Mason University Department of Special Education and Disability Research prepares professionals to advance opportunity, access, and outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Our nationally recognized programs blend research, innovation, and real-world experience to equip current and aspiring professionals to make a transformative, lasting impact across diverse educational and community settings.

Whether you're pursuing a teacher license or advancing your expertise, George Mason's Special Education department prepares future and current professionals to make a lasting difference in the lives of learners with disabilities. The programs provide flexible modes of course delivery and hands-on, real-world preparation. Additionally, the department provides opportunities for collaboration with Mason LIFE, a four-year program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to go to college and earn a certificate of completion (non-degree).

Across our undergraduate or graduate programs, you can pursue teacher licensure and non-teaching routes in areas such as:

- K-12 Special Education - Adapted Curriculum
- K-12 Special Education - General Curriculum
- PK-12 Blindness and Visual Impairments
- Non-teaching licensure areas specializing in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Behavior Analysis (BA), Assistive Technology (AT), and American Sign Language (ASL)

Faculty

Department Faculty

Professors

Sheri Berkeley, Anya Evmenova, Marci Jerome, Kelley Regan

Associate Professors

Melissa Ainsworth, Kimberly Avila, Joy Banks, Chris Barthold, Yoosun Chung, Christian Coogle, Jodi Duke, Grace Francis, Ted Hoch, Linn Jorgenson, Kristen O'Brien, Kristy Lee Park, Sharon Ray, Rajiv Satsangi, Peggy Weiss, Pam Williamson

Assistant Professors

Daniel Espinas, Alexandra Raines, Lisa Tullo, Heather Walter, Boris Gafurov

Senior Instructors

Roxie Dummett, Kevin Taylor

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Programs

- Add-On Endorsement in Special Education, General Curriculum Graduate Certificate
- American Sign Language Minor
- Assistive Technology Graduate Certificate
- Assistive Technology Minor
- Autism Spectrum Disorders Graduate Certificate
- Blindness and Visual Impairments PK-12 Licensure Graduate Certificate
- Mild Disabilities Minor
- Severe Disabilities Minor
- Special Education, BSEd
- Special Education, MEd
- Visual Impairment and Blindness Minor