

**Rowan University - College of Education  
Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education Department**

**Teacher of Students with Disabilities Undergraduate Endorsement Program  
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**Who is eligible?**

Matriculated students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work at Rowan and who are currently enrolled in one of the following College of Education's Bachelor of Arts in Education for Instructional Certification:

- Preschool / Early Childhood,
- Elementary,
- Subject Area Specialization, or
- Health and Exercise Science

**How do I apply to the program?**

You must:

1. Attend one of the regularly scheduled information sessions OR schedule a meeting with the Program Advisor or Program Coordinator to discuss the program and to have any questions you may have answered;
2. Complete the following:
  - a) *Application for TOSD Matriculation (Current COE BA in Education Students)*,
  - b) Obtain two recommendations from individuals who can attest to your ability to work with children and/or young adults. Select persons not related to you, such as a course instructor or position supervisor, who are able to assess your academic and/or professional potential in the program to which you are applying. Provide recommender with *Recommendation Form*,
  - c) Answer *Essay Question* and
3. Schedule appointment with the Program Advisor to submit completed application, essay, and two recommendations.

**What courses must I take?**

A description of required courses is provided during the TOSD Pre-Admission Workshop. Please see your advisor for workshop dates.

**Are there any Field Requirements?**

Most courses in the program have a field requirement. Students must complete a *Field Experience Form* at the start of each semester. When possible, field experiences are coordinated across courses. However, to meet our national accrediting organization's requirements, we need to ensure that students experience a variety of special education environments as they progress through the program. Therefore, it may be necessary to have more than one field placement in a given semester. The field requirements for each course offered by the Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Department are listed in the *Field Experience Matrix* provided by your TOSD Advisor.

**How / when do I apply for certification?**

You must complete a Certification Application (available online on the Office of Field Experiences Web page) during the semester that you complete your Clinical Practice for Special Education. The form is then submitted to the Program Advisor. Upon review, to assure that all required coursework has been completed and all exit requirements have been met, the application will be forwarded to the College of Education's Certification Officer. Then, upon successful completion of your Clinical Practice, the application will be forwarded to the State for processing.

**With the endorsement, what am I certified to teach?**

The Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement permits you to teach students from preschool through grade 12. However, in order to be able to provide more than support instruction, you must have an appropriate initial endorsement (i.e., P-3; K-5; K-12; H/PE) for the grade level you wish to teach, and be highly qualified in the subject area(s) you wish to teach (i.e., passing score(s) on the appropriate Praxis II exams).

**Advisement:**

In order to ensure that sufficient classes are scheduled each semester, **it is imperative that all TOSD Endorsement candidates meet with the Program Advisor each semester.**

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