Master of Science in Special Education
Severe Disabilities (Emphasis in Autism Spectrum Disorders)

This 36-credit Master of Science in Special Education degree concentration prepares certified teachers to work with those who require specialized instruction and intensive support in areas of independent living and adaptive behavior—including students who have been identified on the autism spectrum.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage
- A high-demand credential backed by rigorous preparation
- Nationally recognized faculty experts dedicated to empowering future field leaders
- Two 10-week internships supervised by mentor teachers and faculty instructors
- Special training and coursework in classroom behavior management
- Graduates can continue their professional development by applying for the Post-Master’s Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Program Description
Our mission is to prepare exemplary special education professionals who can provide quality educational experiences and serve as positive agents of change within their educational environments. The program includes completing these major components:

- Prescribed series of courses within the Severe Disabilities program and the Autism Spectrum Disorder program
- Required Severe Disabilities Internship
- Four milestones: Praxis I, Praxis II, Comprehensive Exam, and Graduate Project.

After completing the 36-credit program, you will have acquired the competencies to:
- Address the legal and philosophical issues inherent in working with students with severe disabilities.
- Effectively plan instruction for severely disabled students.
- Utilize applied behavioral programming to address student behavioral issues.
- Understand and address the medical and physical aspects of students with severe disabilities.
- Communicate effectively with fellow educators, other professionals, your students, and their parents.
- Augment your instruction in communication.
- Manage motor, hearing, vision, and other sensory issues with your students.
- Comprehensively instruct your students in community and independent living skills.

Johns Hopkins School of Education
Established in 2007, the Johns Hopkins School of Education has quickly taken its place as a national leader in education reform through research and teaching. Grounded in the Johns Hopkins tradition of research and innovation, SOE is ranked among the top graduate schools of education in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report.*
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the expected time frame for completion of the master’s degree?

The School of Education allows students enrolled part-time in our master’s degree programs up to five years to complete all degree requirements.

Where are classes offered?

Classes are offered at our Columbia, MD, location and are held in the evenings from 4:15 to 6:45 p.m., or from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m., during the spring and fall semesters. Summer courses are offered twice a week for two-and-a-half hours each night and meet for approximately six-and-a-half weeks.

How many nights a week will I be in classes?

Most students are in classes two nights per week.

How many internships are scheduled? Where do I do my internships?

Internships are completed in the school in which you are employed, as long as you are serving a severe-disabilities or autism-spectrum disorder population. Additional information regarding internships is available through the Field Experience Office.

What is the graduate project?

The graduate project and presentation serve as a culminating activity for students to demonstrate application of knowledge and competency in special education. Students should plan to complete their graduate project during their last semester of enrollment, during the same semester as the culminating internship.

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