



SPECIAL EDUCATION

M.ED. | POST-BACCALAUREATE | CERTIFICATE

Engaging Minds. Embracing the World.



La Roche
COLLEGE



A DEGREE WITH MEANING. A CAREER IN FOCUS.

At La Roche College, we believe that your education should be practical and career-focused – one that fully prepares you for a changing, global economy.

Today's teaching environment also is changing, and our special education programs were designed with that in mind.

Whether you're looking to earn your M.Ed. or additional certification, La Roche provides the qualifications that you need to meet the unique challenges of today's field.

If you want to successfully teach children with diverse needs, we offer the advanced skills and knowledge for you to make the most of your students' talents and abilities.



WHY LA ROCHE?

Expert faculty who provide you with personalized attention and support

Field experience for you to hone your teaching skills in a real-world setting

High-quality programs accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education

A safe, suburban campus in the North Hills of Pittsburgh

An affordable education well below the national average for private colleges

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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

At La Roche, certified teachers can earn an M.Ed. plus an added credential: a special education certificate or an ASD endorsement.

Whichever format you choose, both options prepare you to work effectively with students, families and community agencies.

M.Ed. with PreK-8 Special Education Certification:

This program offers hands-on training and field experience to prepare you for the special education classroom.

You'll explore various disabilities and develop the expertise needed to work effectively with students and a range of special needs. Upon completion, you'll gain a master's degree with PreK-8 Special Education certification.

M.Ed. with ASD Endorsement: If you're already certified in special education, you can opt for an M.Ed. and ASD endorsement.

The program focuses on learning strategies, communication skills, lesson planning and co-teaching models to prepare you for meeting the needs of students with autism spectrum disorders.



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CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

La Roche's certification programs allow you to gain a competitive edge while continuing your education. If you're looking to refine your teaching skills, these programs offer you the advanced expertise that you need to be effective in the classroom.

Post-Baccalaureate PreK-8 Special Education

Certification: This option enables you to seek dual certification in special education. Embedded in our PreK-4 program, the certificate is an add-on option for the Middle Level and English Education programs.

ASD Endorsement: Teachers who want to add an ASD endorsement to any existing certification can complete this 12-credit program within one year. The curriculum covers instruction methods, behavior characteristics, communication and social skills related to ASD.

Advanced Studies in Autism Certificate: Designed for uncertified applicants, this program allows you to add an autism certificate to any bachelor's degree. You'll study the same material offered by the ASD Endorsement Program and receive an Advanced Studies in Autism Certificate from La Roche.



ADMISSION MATERIALS

M.Ed. with PreK-8 Special Education Certification

- Complete application
- \$50 application fee
- Current Pennsylvania teaching certification
- Copies of most recent clearances and TB test
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

M.Ed. with ASD Endorsement

- Complete application
- \$50 application fee
- Current special education certification
- Copies of most recent clearances and TB test
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

Post-Baccalaureate PreK-8 Special Education Certification

- Complete application
- \$50 application fee
- Current Pennsylvania teaching certification
- Copies of most recent clearances and TB test
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Essay explaining how reading and writing are areas that often pose challenges for students with disabilities

ASD Endorsement

- Complete application
- \$50 application fee
- Current Pennsylvania teaching certification
- Copies of most recent clearances and TB test
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

Advanced Studies in Autism Certificate

- Complete application
- \$50 application fee
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

Please note:

- Updated clearances and negative TB test may be required prior to field experience placements and/or student teaching.
- Official transcripts are transcripts received by La Roche College in a sealed, unopened envelope from the school in question.

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MISSION

La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation and around the world. The College integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.