

# Scholarship Program for Inclusive and Special Education Teachers focused on Significant Disabilities

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The Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester has a remarkable opportunity for you to obtain excellent preparation for teaching in the area of special education, with a specialized focus on students with significant disabilities in high-needs schools. We have 32 full scholarships available over five years to prepare highly-qualified preservice and inservice teachers. This is your opportunity to enroll into a fully funded, innovative inclusive and special education program at the elementary/childhood (grades 1-6) or secondary (grades 7-12) levels that will lead to a master's degree and certification in *Teaching Students with Disabilities* and/or coursework leading to the NYS annotation for *Teaching Students with Severe and/or Multiple Disabilities*.

At the Warner School, our goal is to prepare reflective practitioners of teaching, who aspire to make a difference, to motivate new thinking, and to transform lives. The program in inclusive and special education prepares teachers to meet the diverse needs of their students with a rich understanding of disability issues and the needed skills to support students with disabilities in accessing the general education curriculum and participating in the school community in meaningful and socially just ways.

Full scholarships are available through the program in the following three categories:

- For fully certified special education teachers to pursue a certificate of advanced study in teaching students with significant disabilities that leads to the NYS Annotation for *Teaching Students with Severe and/or Multiple Disabilities (13 credit-hour certificate program)*
- For initially certified special education teachers at all age levels to pursue their master's degree and professional certification, as well as the NYS Annotation for *Teaching Students with Severe and/or Multiple Disabilities (31 credit-hour master's program)*
- For pre-service secondary teachers (grades 7-12) to pursue their master's degree and initial and professional certification as a special education generalist teacher, as well as the NYS Annotation for *Teaching Students with Severe and/or Multiple Disabilities (55 credit-hour master's program)*

## Program Highlights

- The program awards scholarships to prepare 32 highly-qualified special education teachers over five years.
- Scholarship recipients attend Warner's graduate teacher preparation program, tuition-free.
- Scholarship recipients participate in high-quality, innovative teacher preparation programs leading to a master's degree and New York State certification in *Teaching Students with Disabilities* and/or the NYS annotation for *Teaching Students with Severe and/or Multiple Disabilities*.
- Program offered in partnership with the University of Rochester's Strong Center for Development Disabilities and the Institute for Innovative Transition, Monroe #1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and the Rochester City School District.
- Scholarship recipients commit to two years of service in a high-need school.
- Scholarship recipients receive mentoring support by experienced teachers with extensive experience teaching students with significant disabilities, as well as mentoring by students with disabilities.



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Scholarship recipients will be prepared to work with children with significant disabilities in a variety of settings, including high-need and low-performing schools.

Upon completion of the program, graduates make a commitment to provide special education or related services to children with disabilities for at least two years for every year the scholarship is received.

Take advantage of this compelling opportunity to change the lives of children for the better. In the process, it will undoubtedly change your life for the better, too.

### **For More Information ...**

For more information or to request an application packet, visit [www.warner.rochester.edu](http://www.warner.rochester.edu), or contact Admissions at (585) 275-3950 or [admissions@warner.rochester.edu](mailto:admissions@warner.rochester.edu).