DIFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

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Today's schools are increasingly academically diverse and call for teachers with the skills to understand and teach to a full range of ability levels. Teachers with the ability to develop effective instruction for all students in a classroom will find themselves in demand and will have a great impact on young lives.

St. Bonaventure University’s differentiated instruction graduate programs can help you become this teacher. And with small classes full of like-minded students, you may just make some new lifelong friends and colleagues in the process.

Master’s Degrees in Differentiated Instruction

St. Bonaventure offers three graduate (MSED) differentiated instruction programs:

- MSED in Differentiated Instruction (Gifted Extension)
- MSED in Differentiated Instruction (Gifted Extension & Students with Disabilities)
- Post-MSED in Differentiated Instruction (Gifted Extension)
St. Bonaventure University’s MSED program offering both gifted and students with disabilities certification coursework combined in one degree is unique. These skills and certifications, added to grade level credentials, will enhance your effectiveness and employability.

Differentiated Instruction (Gifted Extension)
This track is designed for teachers at all grade levels who want to develop expertise in serving gifted students. Coursework focuses on assessment, instructional strategies, assistive technology and collaboration. This program helps meet the requirements for professional teacher certification in New York State and allows graduates to sit for the Gifted Education Extension exam.

SWD certification is required for entry. If you do not have this credential, please apply to the Gifted & SWD track.

Differentiated Instruction (Gifted and Students with Disabilities - SWD)
This track is designed for teachers of all grade levels who want to educate the growing population of learners with exceptionalities, including those with learning, behavioral or communication difficulties and those identified as gifted. Coursework for the Gifted/SWD program is the same as in the Differentiated Instruction Gifted program – with an additional practicum course completed under the mentorship of a certified SWD teacher. The 33 credit hours required for this program can be completed in just 24 months at the Buffalo Center or three semesters in Olean. Graduates may take the gifted student extension exam and pick up an additional SWD certification.

SWD certification can be earned in birth–grade 2, grades 1–6, or grades 7–12.

Post-master’s In Differentiated Instruction
This program is designed for special or general education teachers who already hold a master’s degree and wish to learn more about inclusive education, including students with disabilities and students who are identified as gifted.
Convenient Learning Formats!
You’ll love the flexible scheduling options available to you as a St. Bonaventure University differentiated instruction graduate student.

1 Weeknights at Our Main Campus
Take classes in the evenings at the main St. Bonaventure campus in Olean, NY. Classes meet Monday - Thursday with each three-credit class meeting once per week.

2 Weekends at Our Buffalo Center Campus
Take classes at our Buffalo Center (on the Hilbert College campus) in Hamburg, NY on Friday evenings and Saturdays. The Buffalo Center offers dedicated St. Bonaventure University staff and the same excellent faculty that teach on our Olean campus.

3 Online
Some differentiated instruction courses can be taken online and many have online components.

Educators With A Purpose
Whether your goal is to focus your teaching on exceptional students or to best serve the students in the general classroom, your master’s degree from St. Bonaventure will help you become the best teacher you can be. You’ll benefit from the latest in differentiation theory and teaching techniques, and you’ll appreciate our Franciscan values of peace, respect and individual dignity. This is how we develop and prepare educators with a purpose.

Most of your professors will be full-time St. Bonaventure faculty, professionals with varied experiences and significant teaching experiences. Carefully chosen adjuncts supplement their efforts.

Earning A Master’s Degree Is Hard Work
Really hard work. But we know you can do it! And, to help you along the way, we make a few small promises that can make a big difference:

- Small classes = great friendships and professional contacts
- Easy parking
- Free pizza and soda on Friday nights before class for Buffalo Center students
- No GRE required
- Financial aid available

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