

Early Childhood/Special Education (ECSE) Bachelor of Science Towson University in Northeastern Maryland



**Do you live in Harford or Cecil County and
want to earn a B.S. in Early Childhood/Special
Education close to home?**

Towson University is offering students in northeastern Maryland the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree (B.S.) in Early Childhood/Special Education (ECSE) at the Towson University in Northeastern Maryland facility on the Harford Community College campus. The program allows students to earn a bachelor's degree without leaving Harford County. Students who complete an Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree at Harford Community or Cecil College will be able to transfer to the Towson University program at the TU in Northeastern Maryland facility.

Recognized as Maryland's preeminent teacher education institution as well as a national model for professional preparation, the College of Education at Towson University has a distinguished history in the preparation of classroom teachers and education specialists. Towson faculty, a diverse community of learners/teachers/scholars with a wide range of strengths and specialties, model excellent teaching and learning skills. Highly experienced faculty members are committed to a common goal: to prepare and support the continuing development of professional educators and to meet and respond creatively to the critical educational challenges of the twenty-first century.

Information meetings will be held throughout the fall and spring semesters in order to discuss the components of the undergraduate satellite program in northeastern Maryland. At the information meetings, prospective students will be provided with details concerning the ECSE program. Students will also be able to talk to Towson University admissions personnel to discuss their transcripts and other important enrollment information.

Please plan on attending one of these information meetings to have your questions answered and be prepared to demonstrate your intent to enroll and earn a bachelor's degree in the Towson University in Northeastern Maryland ECSE program.

For additional information, contact Toni Guidi, ECSE Program Coordinator, at tguidi@towson.edu.

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Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and Special Education



Program Information

- The Towson University undergraduate program in Early Childhood Education and Special Education is an integrated program that prepares students for dual certification in both early childhood education (pre-k through grade 3) and special education (birth through grade 3).
- Students complete their junior and senior years at the Northeastern Maryland Higher Education Center and in the Harford County Public School System.
- Students are admitted to enter the program in the Fall Semester only.
- Towson University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Admission Requirements

- Students who hold the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) from an approved program in a Maryland community college have first priority. Interested students must apply, submit a writing sample, submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended, hold a 2.75 GPA or higher, and provide copies of *qualifying Praxis CORE scores.
- Students who do not hold the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) from an approved program in a Maryland community college must complete specific prerequisite courses and complete at least 60 credits. Open houses are held throughout the year to evaluate transcripts and advise students on prerequisite courses needed. Interested students must apply, submit a writing sample, submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended, hold a 2.75 GPA or higher, and provide copies of *qualifying Praxis CORE scores.
- **The application deadline is April 1st. However, students should plan to apply in the Fall Semester for entrance into the program for the following Fall.**

Tuition and Financial Aid

- Students should visit the Towson website at www.towson.edu for information regarding tuition and financial aid. **Please note:** You must be accepted before aid can be awarded. We recommend you apply for financial aid prior to March 1st. It is vital that students follow the deadlines for financial aid applications.
- TEACH Grant: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/factsheet.action>

*Qualifying Praxis CORE Scores

Applicants may meet the testing requirement in one of two ways:

#1 *Submitting individual scores at or above the state qualifying scores on Praxis CORE: Reading (156), Writing (162), and Math (150).*

#2 *Submitting one of the following: SAT, GRE, or ACT scores which may be used in place of the Praxis CORE. Qualifying scores: SAT (1100), GRE (1000), ACT (24).*

Three reasons why you may want to apply...



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#1 For the high quality of education Towson University's College of Education provides:

- Bachelor of Science Degree awarded by Towson University
- Eligibility for dual certification in Early Childhood (Pre K – grade 3) and Special Education (Birth – grade 3)
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education approved
- Maryland State Department of Education approved

#2 For the convenience the Towson University 2+2 program at TU in Northeastern Maryland provides:

- Completion of internships occur locally in Harford County Public Schools
- Guaranteed screening interview by Harford County Public Schools
- Courses held locally – at the TU in Northeastern Maryland facility
- Parking is free and convenient
- On-site program coordinator available for assistance
- Student employment opportunities are available

#3 For the opportunity to participate in a cohort as you progress through your professional education courses:

- Class sizes are small
- Class enrollment is limited to members of the cohort
- Cohort membership fosters collaboration and partnership since progression through the program is uniform

Cohorts are limited in the number of students who will be accepted.

Please apply early!



Applying to the 2+2 Partnership for the Towson University Early Childhood Education/Special Education Dual Certification Program in Northeastern Maryland

1. Read the application instructions for TU in Northeastern Maryland on the TU Website:
<http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/apply/transfers/tunortheasternmaryland.asp>
2. Submit an online application. A \$45 non-deferrable, non-refundable fee (or fee waiver) is required with your application.
3. Allow yourself approximately 20-30 minutes to complete the application honestly and fully. Do not forget to have your official transcript sent to Admissions via email to Admissions_Documents@towson.edu or via postal mail to:

**Towson University
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
7800 York Road
Towson, MD 21252**

4. After finalizing the application, submit, via email, a one page, double spaced essay explaining your reasons for entering the Early Childhood Education/Special Education program. The writing sample must be submitted to Toni Guidi at tguidi@towson.edu.

Points to Consider

- Application Deadline is April 1st. It is never too early to apply to our program! Applications are accepted prior to presenting passing test scores. However, passing the Praxis CORE must be completed prior to being accepted if you do not have a qualifying score on the SAT, GRE or ACT.

- A copy of qualifying scores must be mailed or emailed to:

**Toni Guidi
Towson University in Northeastern Maryland
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Towson, MD 21252-0001**

or **Toni Guidi @ tguidi@towson.edu**

- Please complete the entire application and make sure all transcripts sent to Towson University are OFFICIAL (no grade reports or print-outs).
- Continue to meet with your advisor and be sure you are on track to complete your AAT or AA Degree.
- Please call us at TU Transfer Evaluation Services at 410.704.2113 if you have any questions. We would be happy to assist you!

**Admissions staff will be on-site in Harford County at regular times throughout the semester.
Please call 410-704-TUNE (8863) to make an appointment to meet with an Admissions
counselor if you have questions regarding transfer of credits or the application process.**