

Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education

Online

Johns Hopkins School of Education's advanced teacher education program in the field of gifted education emphasizes research and program development. This program was designed in response to the growing need for educators who are certified to work with diverse individuals with gifts and talents.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage

- Convenient scheduling
- Small class size and individual attention of expert instructors
- Cutting-edge best practices that align with national standards
- Practicum may be completed at the graduate student's place of employment

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education (18 credits) addresses the needs of educators who are seeking knowledge and skills in curriculum, instruction, and assessment in order to meet the needs of academically talented students in their classrooms.

This program was developed in accordance with the standards of the National Association for Gifted Children and the Council for Exceptional Children and will provide graduate students with knowledge and skills in curriculum, instruction, program development, and assessment to meet the needs of academically talented students in school systems. Completion of the graduate certificate program option can lead to Gifted and Talented Education Specialist certification in Maryland. A minimum of 27 months of teaching experience and a master's degree is required for this advanced certification in Maryland.

The objectives of the program are to prepare students who are able to:

- Lead efforts to address and eliminate excellence gaps in K-12 settings.
- Understand the diverse factors that inform the identification and support of K-12 gifted students.
- Create safe, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments that support the social, emotional, and cognitive learning needs of diverse groups of gifted K-12 students.
- Use assessments to identify gifted and talented students, track their progress, modify interventions accordingly, and provide summative data on their progress.
- Be reflective, ethical professionals who support and advocate for gifted K-12 students through collaboration with families and colleagues, use of community resources, and ongoing professional learning.
- Serve as effective leaders in the development and implementation of gifted education and talent development programs.

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*.

	Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education
Credits	18 credits (6 courses)
Delivery	Online
Enrollment Status	Part-time. Must be completed within three years.
Start Term	Graduate Certificate MCPS Cohorts: Cohort 1 Spring 2021 and Cohort 2 Fall 2021
Tuition and Fees	Please visit education.jhu.edu/admission/tuition for latest information.
Financial Aid Eligibility	This program qualifies for federal financial aid. Please visit education.jhu.edu/financial for more information.
Application Deadlines	Priority consideration deadlines: Spring 2021, December 1 . Fall 2021, April 1 . Applications are accepted after this date based on space availability.
Admissions Requirements	Every applicant must complete an online application, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum GPA 3.0 required in all previous college-level coursework ▪ Official transcripts ▪ Two letters of recommendation ▪ Essay ▪ Resume

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the expected time frame for completion of the graduate certificate?

The graduate certificate may be completed in a cohort in four semesters. Students have a total of three years for the certification program.

Are applicants eligible for gifted certification for their teaching certificate?

Yes, the School of Education's gifted education graduate programs are approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Our gifted education programs do not grant initial teacher certification. Applicants are required to hold state-approved teacher certification to be admitted to the program.

To qualify for the Gifted and Talented Education Specialist certification in the state of Maryland, applicants must have completed 27 months of satisfactory teaching experience and have earned a master's degree by the completion of their program. Johns Hopkins University also offers a master's degree program in gifted education and successfully completed certificate courses are transferable as long as the oldest course is no older than five years by time of graduation.

Who teaches the courses?

Courses are taught by nationally and internationally recognized leaders in the field. Full time faculty include:

Dr. Jonathan Plucker, Julian C. Stanley Professor of Talent Development and **Dr. Keri Guilbault**, Assistant Professor of Gifted Education.

Where and when are classes offered?

- Fully online, asynchronous

All of our coursework is offered fully online. Courses can be completed asynchronously. Optional synchronous sessions are offered in each class and provide opportunities to interact with national and international guest experts.

Where do I complete the required practicum?

Most practica are completed in the school in which you are employed during your final semester.

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