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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Adult Education Division of the Institute for Special Education. We welcome you to join motivated fellow students as we help you realize your academic and personal ambitions.

This program is divided into two tracks to accommodate women who have already completed their undergraduate degrees, in any field, and those who have some or no credits at the undergraduate level. We also seek to accommodate students who would like to accelerate their program to complete their coursework in a short timeframe, as well as those who prefer to work at their own pace. Of particular importance to all students, however, is the fact that our faculty teach what they practice, enabling our program to capture the knowledge of experts in the field of Special Education.

Enclosed you will find an application. Please complete both sides of the form and send it back, together with a \$100 application fee and copies of any high school, seminary and college transcripts you can obtain.

Class size is limited to ensure that each student receives personalized instruction. Early registration thus guarantees you the best course selection. You will be contacted in order to set up an interview upon our receipt of your application.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leah Donn  
Coordinator

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:** List any previous work experience you may have (or enclose current resume):

	<u>Employer's Name, City, State</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>F/T or P/T</u>	<u>Job Description</u>
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On a separate piece of paper, write a brief biography in your own words including any information about yourself that you would like us to know when reviewing your application. (Academic or other honors, positions of responsibility or leadership in the community, proven analytic or problem solving ability, extra-curricular activities, interests or hobbies, etc.) Include your reasons for pursuing a career in the field of Education / Special Education.

I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate.

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Signature

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Date

Please read the cover letter and brochure before your admissions review takes place.

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## ADULT PROGRAM FACT SHEET – 2012-13

The Adult Program of the Institute for Special Education offers a Bachelors of Science [Undergraduate] Degree in **Behavioral Science** and a Masters of Science [Graduate] Degree in **Education**, leading to NYS Teacher Certification in Special Education [Birth-Grade 6] and Early Childhood Education [Birth-Grade 2]. Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees are awarded through Mercy College, a nationally accredited university whose degrees are highly respected in the educational field.

### **What are the benefits of the Institute for Special Education degrees?**

The benefits of a *Bachelors Degree* in Behavioral Science [similar to Psychology] are:

- Ability to continue your education in a myriad of fields [education/special education, nursing, social work, occupational therapy, school psychologist, social skills therapist, art therapy, educational evaluator, etc.]

The benefits of a *Masters Degree* in Education/Special Education are:

- Full certification to work for NY/NJ Board of Education, opening up a wealth of options in the field of Education/Special Education. Examples include: Special Education Itinerant Teacher [SEIT], Resource Room Teacher/Coordinator, P-3 Provider, Universal Pre-K [UPK], Head Start, etc.
- This certification is generally transferable to all fifty states.

### **What makes ISE different?**

- Exemplary education with outstanding instructors
- Our graduates are the first choice of principals and program coordinators
- Highly personalized curriculum guidance and student mentoring
- Hashkafah consistent with Torah values
- Exceptional peer support
- Program tailored to accommodate the unique scheduling needs of adults
- Life-experience can be credited toward your degree
- Fifteen Undergraduate Credits can be applied toward your Graduate Degree
- 30 years of experience

### **What credits can be applied toward my Bachelors degree?**

Seminary credits, CLEP exams, High School college credits, Excelsior College exams, Empire State College courses, Dantes exams, and correspondence courses, in addition to a minimum of 30 credits obtained through Mercy College. [One advantage of joining the Institute for Special Education, is that contrary to similar programs, Seminary credits are accepted as is, and do not need to be evaluated by an outside vendor. This unique feature considerably reduces *your* time and expense.]

### **How long will it take to obtain my degree?**

The Bachelors Degree requires a minimum of three semesters [i.e. one year]. Each student has the option of tailoring their course load to fit their personal schedule, which will determine the exact length of time required to obtain their degree.

The Masters Degree requires a minimum of four semesters [i.e. 14 months]. Most students complete their course requirements in five semesters. Students have the option to choose a degree-plan that accommodates their personal schedule.

### **When do classes take place?**

- Undergraduate classes are given weekday mornings.
- Graduate students meet two mornings and/or two evenings each week.
- Additionally, a limited number of Graduate classes take place online, utilizing ISE instructors and restricted to our student body. Filtered internet access is available on our premises for the purpose of fulfilling course requirements.

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### ***Where do classes take place?***

All classes take place in our Brooklyn building [corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 47<sup>th</sup> Street]. Special accommodations can be made for students who reside in Monsey or Lakewood, to fulfill certain course requirements in the city of their residence.

### ***Do I need previous teaching experience?***

It is not necessary to have any teaching experience in order to join our program. After obtaining 18 credits [i.e. two semesters] at the Graduate level, Internship certification can be awarded, allowing students to begin working in the field of Special Education while completing their degree.

### ***Must I have internet access at home?***

No! This is not an online degree. Most classes take place in our building. If an online course is required, filtered internet access can be arranged in our facility.

### ***What are the admission requirements?***

- High School Transcript
- A minimum High School average of 85% or a passing grade on the Mercy College Placement Exam
- Passing score on the Introductory Psychology CLEP Exam or equivalent college level course. Institute for Special Education offers preparatory review classes for this CLEP.
- Graduate students may enroll with a recognized Bachelors Degree in any field.

### ***How much will the program cost?***

The cost of the Bachelors Program is approximately \$20,000. Financial Aid is available. Subject to eligibility, it may cover the full tuition cost minus outside testing, textbooks, and a technology fee due each semester. Partial Financial Aid is available to part-time students, as well.

The Masters degree, taken independently of the Bachelors, costs approximately \$24,000. When taken in conjunction with the Bachelors program, certain courses may be combined with undergraduate courses, thus reducing the cost to approximately \$18,000.

### ***What type of Financial Aid is available?***

- Pell and TAP [for NYS residents only] are available through Mercy College
- Student Loans are available for both Undergraduate and Graduate programs
- Teaching in an approved Early Childhood Center can earn grants up to \$6,000 per year

### ***What kind of fieldwork experience is required in addition to classroom instruction?***

All required fieldwork is built into our classes, a significant advantage over similar programs that require outside fieldwork experience. This amounts to a significant savings of time.

### ***What if life circumstances cause me to place my education on hold?***

- Undergraduate credits never expire.
- Graduate credits are honored by Mercy College for five years. Many other colleges recognize these credits for periods beyond the five-year window.
- Mercy College credits can be transferred to an unlimited number of universities worldwide.
- Students have the option of taking a leave of absence for a semester, should the need arise, without consequence.

### ***How do graduates of the Institute for Special Education use their degrees?***

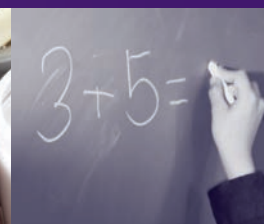
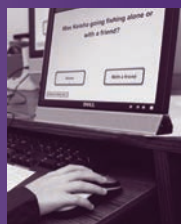
Upon graduation from this program, our students are certified to fill a wide variety of specialty roles within the field of Education/Special Education. This field is highly valued for its earning potential, which far exceeds that available to a teacher who lacks this specialized certification. Many students have gone on to supervisory roles and have found creative niches for their education.

### ***Is there a surplus of certified teachers in the field of Special Education?***

Although there are many students earning their degree in Special Education, employers are quick to recognize the superior training offered by the Institute for Special Education and the value of previous life-experience that our adult graduates possess. In addition, the vast majority of post-seminary graduates eventually relocate to communities outside of New York City [i.e. Lakewood, Monsey, Passaic, etc.]. Experience has demonstrated that graduates of our Adult Program have obtained employment immediately upon graduating.



# NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO EARN A DEGREE!



The Adult Program of the Institute for Special Education offers women the opportunity to earn a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Behavioral Science, and a Master's Degree in Education leading to New York State certification in Special Education and Early Childhood Education. Designed to accommodate the unique scheduling needs of busy adults, our knowledgeable and caring staff will help you earn your degree in the most supportive and efficient manner possible.

Earn your  
**BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE**  
in 3-5 semesters  
**MASTER'S  
DEGREE**  
in 3-5 semesters

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- Environment & Hashkafah compatible with Torah values
- Highly personalized curriculum guidance and student mentoring
- Seminary credits accepted as is, without outside evaluation
- Life-experience can be credited toward your degree
- Exceptional peer support
- Fieldwork requirements incorporated into classroom instruction
- No previous teaching experience necessary

## Admission Requirements

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- Passing score on the Introductory Psychology College CLEP Exam or Equivalent College Level Course.
- Graduate students may enroll with a recognized Bachelor's Degree in any field.

## It's more affordable than you think!

- Financial Aid available to qualified applicants.
- Student Loans easily obtained with flexible payment schedules
- Substantial tuition reduction for students who attend both BS and MS Programs

Offering unparalleled opportunities in career advancement, flexibility, and earning potential, the field of Special Education is an ideal career choice for many women. Our graduates are widely recognized for their wide range of skills, life experience, and superior training, and have earned a stellar reputation. Additionally, many of our graduates reside in the NY area where they enjoy a wealth of job opportunities in the field of special education.

**EARN YOUR DEGREE AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AND REACH THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN!**

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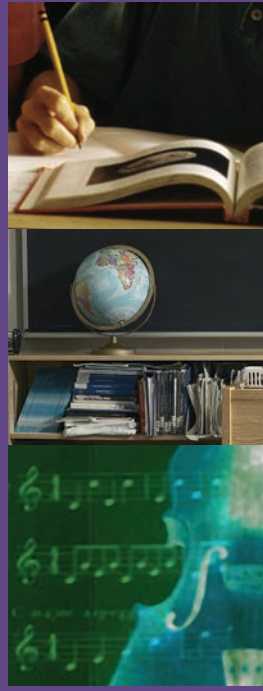
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- Early Childhood Teacher
- ABA Therapist
- Elementary Education Teacher
- Resource Room Instructor/Coordinator
- Reading Remediation Specialist
- Early Intervention Therapist
- Special Education Teacher (SEIT)
- Board of Education Evaluations
- P-3 Provider
- Universal Pre-K (UPK)
- Head Start Program
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired
- Behavioral Therapist
- Social Skills Therapist

*Included in your choice of career opportunities:  
Graduates of the Institute for Special Education serve as Teachers, Principals,  
Administrators and Therapists in schools and private practices world-wide.*

**Offering a Quality Education for Tomorrow's Educators**

