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The cohort model allows students who are working full time in schools to complete a university program on a modified schedule and often at discounted tuition. Since you are taking university coursework, you will want to be aware of university policies. While many university policies apply to both cohort and non-cohort students, some policies (e.g., registration, payment) work differently in the cohort. For your convenience, we have developed a cohort website dedicated to providing information on the policies and procedures relevant to students in the cohort. All students are responsible for this information and should take a few minutes to look over the website before beginning their first cohort course. The website will provide course details, textbook information, contact information, and general program information. Please bookmark the site and refer to it as needed throughout your coursework. To view the site, go to:

**<https://education.gmu.edu/special-education-cohort/>**

Enrollment in your first cohort course will be via a paper registration form that can be downloaded from the website. Fax or email the completed course enrollment form according to the directions and deadlines posted on the cohort website. The website is also used to post important information or changes that you need to be aware of as you progress through your program. Enrollment requests for subsequent cohort courses are submitted via our organization in Blackboard. Instructions on how to submit your request are also available on the website. When you submit your enrollment request for each course before each semester be sure to check your cohort-specific section for important details.

In addition to the information posted to the cohort website, the Special Education program will communicate information to you via your Mason email account. During the registration process for your first course, a Mason email address will be generated for you. You will receive a letter containing your Mason email as well as your university ID number. Be sure to activate your Mason email and check it regularly. Instructions for activating your account, as well as forwarding it to another email if you wish, are available at <http://masonlive.gmu.edu/>. ITU support services can be reached at 703-993-8870 if you need additional assistance.

While you will find general information about the cohort and the Mason programs on the cohort website, specific questions about your Mason coursework or program should be directed to your designated academic advisor for the Special Education program at Mason. All students are required to consult with their advisor within the first semester of their program to confirm their student status is accurate, to clarify certificate program requirements, and to make plans for completing internships and test requirements as applicable. Please visit our website at [Special Education, MEd \(Non-licensure\) | School of Education \(gmu.edu\)](https://www.gmu.edu/special-education/med-non-licensure/) to schedule an advising meeting in person or by phone.

**Welcome to Mason! Please let us know how we can support your progress.**

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