The School of Education offers candidates two pathways to become an educator. The Master of Science in Teaching (MST) degree is designed for students who have a liberal arts undergraduate degree and are looking to become a teacher. The Master of Science in Education (MSEd) degree is designed for initially certified elementary school teachers who are looking to enrich their classroom and earn professional certification.

BECOME A TEACHER

MST in Childhood Education 1-6 (020C)
MST in Childhood Education 1-6 & Early Childhood Education B-2 (020E)
The School of Education offers students holding a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to earn either a Master of Science in Teaching (MST) degree leading to NYS initial/professional certification in Childhood Education (1-6) or a MST in Childhood (1-6) and Early Childhood (B-2) Education. The typical candidate for the MST degree will hold a baccalaureate degree in one of the liberal arts or sciences from an accredited college and will have a background in history, a foreign language, mathematics, English, and science.

The program includes instruction in educational studies, developmentally appropriate practices, content pedagogy, research, and one semester of full-time student teaching. It can be completed in four semesters. Professional certification requires three years of successful teaching experience at the appropriate grade level.

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MSEd in Childhood Education 1-6 (013C)
The School of Education at the State University of New York at New Paltz offers students holding an initial elementary or childhood certification an opportunity to earn a Master of Science in Education 1-6 degree leading to professional certification in Childhood Education (1-6) from New York State. The program includes coursework in liberal arts, education content, pedagogy, and research. A feature of the M.S. Ed. Childhood Education 1-6 program is specialization tracks in Reading/Literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). The program can be completed on a part-time or full-time basis.

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• MSEd in Childhood Education 1-6 - Reading/Literacy Education Specialization
• MSEd in Childhood Education 1-6 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Specialization (STEM)
EED503. Fieldwork in Grades 3-6. 1 Credit.
Teacher candidates complete a minimum of 60 hours participating in elementary classrooms (grades 3-6) as they take on the role of observer, assistant, and teacher for one-on-one, small group, and whole class instruction. 60 hours.
Attributes:
- Field Study
- Professional Technical

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  - Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  - Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)

Prerequisites:
- EED501 Minimum Grade of S
- EED502 Minimum Grade of S

Corequisites:
- EED579

May not be repeated for credit

EED505. Microcomputer as Ed Tool. 3 Credits.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

EED507. Creative Experience for Young Children. 3 Credits.
Use of ideas, concepts, and materials to develop teachers' awareness of alternative creative approaches to curriculum experiences dealing with the self, the senses, and the environment for nursery school, kindergarten, and primary children.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED508. Language and Literature for Young Children. 3 Credits.
Children's literature for the nursery school, kindergarten, and primary level. Total language arts program, including storytelling.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED509. Curriculum One: Infant and Toddler. 3 Credits.
Study of children prenatal through age two. Investigation of child development principles to promote physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development and competence in the child.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED511. Piaget's Theory and App for Curr and Inst. in Elementary Classroom. 3 Credits.
A study of the development stage from sensori-motor through formal operations, the relationship to intellectual, social, and moral development, and the application to curriculum development and materials. Use of clinical method with children.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED513. Curriculum III: First and Second Grade. 3 Credits.
Focus on whole child and the integrated nature of learning and development in young children with specific attention to children in first and second grade and their families. Course integrated with arts, math, science and technology, health/physical development and social studies.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED514. Developmentally Appropriate Practices: Birth - Second Grade. 3 Credits.
Candidates will consider cognitive and social development of children, birth through second grade and the implications for child development, curriculum planning, classroom management, environment and organization.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED515. Curriculum Two: Preschool and Kindergarten. 3 Credits.
Focuses on the whole child and the integrated nature of learning and development in young children. Provides preparation for working with preschool/kindergarten children and their families.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED516. Teaching Reading/Language Arts in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
Explores the nature of an effective writing, reading, and language arts program in the elementary school by exploring evidence-based instruction and methods for assessment.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Childhood Education (020A)
- Students cannot elect the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade option for this course

May not be repeated for credit
EED517. Teaching Science in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
The nature of a good science program in the elementary school; selection and organization of science experiences of particular importance to children. Effective procedures for promoting in children a lasting interest in science.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Childhood Education (020A)

May not be repeated for credit

EED518. Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
Recent developments in the reorganization of mathematics programs in modern elementary schools. Research findings in effective classroom methods and materials for improving mathematics skills.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Childhood Education (020A)

May not be repeated for credit

EED519. Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
Research findings in teaching social studies in the elementary school. Implications for improving organization of all school programs in social studies and selection of effective methods and materials of instruction.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Childhood Education (020A)

May not be repeated for credit

EED520. Literacy and Reading Development - Birth - Kindergarten. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on early literacy development and how it can be fostered while honoring children's individual differences, home environments, and backgrounds. Major themes include the exploration of interaction between symbolic development, language and literacy acquisition in children birth through five years of age. Major theories of literacy development are analyzed in light of early childhood classroom instructional techniques and the development of strategies to encourage language and literacy in young children. Working with parents to develop language and literacy skills and dispositions is also a major theme in this course. 20 hours of fieldwork required.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED522. Play: The Foundations of Literacy for Young children (B-K). 3 Credits.
Students will explore the complex issues of play, its role and value in the early classroom from both theoretical and practical perspectives, with particular focus upon early literacy development. Students will be required to identify and obtain permission to complete 15 hours of field observations at appropriate sites approved by the instructor.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED523. Reading in the Primary Grades. 3 Credits.
Discusses the importance of language development and experiential background in the reading process. Emphasis is placed on early reading, language experience approaches and beginning developmental reading. An in-depth analysis of various methodologies for beginning reading instruction grades K-3 is provided.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  - Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  - Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)

Corequisites:
- EED501

May not be repeated for credit

EED524. Reading in the Middle School. 3 Credits.
Concentrates on the teaching of reading in grades 4-8. Provides an in-depth study of general comprehension strategies, study skills, recreational reading, and reading strategies appropriate for content areas. Instructional techniques, including diagnostic procedures, are an important part of the course.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED525. Fundamentals of Reading. 3 Credits.
Presents an overview of the reading process. Discusses current models of reading. Emphasizes comprehension strategies and word recognition skills, along with an overview of diagnostic procedures, from early reading stages through the middle school years. This course is designed for graduate students who have no previous formal college-level course work in the teaching of reading. Open only to students who have never taken a reading course or have not taken a reading course in five years.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED526. Creative Writing for Elementary School Teachers. 3 Credits.
Opportunities for teachers to do some writing of their own for children, in addition to studying approaches in helping children to write. Contemporary children's literature will be studied in regard to the various genres and styles of writing each type.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit
EED530. Health and Drug Education: Problem-Solving. 3 Credits.
Study of basic health and drug education information essential for teachers to cope constructively with related problems in home, school, community, and society. Particular emphasis on experience with effective techniques in adult-student interaction and communication in an open, sensitive, and realistic manner.

**Attributes:**
- Liberal Arts

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED535. Research in Child, Family, School in Grades B-2. 3 Credits.
Considerations of the cognitive and social development of children preschool through third grade. Implications for curriculum planning, classroom management and organization. Exploration of the relationship between the family and the school. Participants will design their own research project with the support and approval of the supervisor.

**Attributes:**
- Professional Technical

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  - Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  - Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)

May not be repeated for credit

EED536. Research in Child, Family, School in Grades 3-6. 3 Credits.
Investigation of developmental stages and theories for children in grades 3-6 (ages 8-12); implications for curriculum planning, classroom organization, and management. Study of school, family and community impact of the child.

**Attributes:**
- Professional Technical

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  - Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  - Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)

May not be repeated for credit

EED540. Field Studies in Environmental/Outdoor Education I: The Natural World. 3 Credits.
Recognize examples of the natural systems and cycles that make up the Earth environment. Evaluate school grounds and community for outdoor education opportunities. Develop cross-curriculum resources for environmental literacy regarding the natural world and school.

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED550. Advanced Child Development. 3 Credits.
Focus on recent research findings, social issues and theoretical underpinnings in the development of children. Implications for teachers’ relationship with individual children and families will be discussed using a multicultural, sociological, psychological and historical perspective in understanding child and family development.

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED571. The Microcomputer as an Educational Tool. 3 Credits.
The use of the computer to improve learning and teaching with "tool programs" such as word processors, spreadsheets, record keeping programs, tests and instructional material generators, telecommunications, and database programs. Includes discussion, and use of these programs on microcomputers in a laboratory.

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED578. Hudson River Studies. 3 Credits.
Intended for teachers (K-12), this course leads participants on a Hudson River odyssey, exploring the river’s ecology, human and natural history, and environmental issues through field trips and classroom presentations. The course will cover methods and materials used in classroom teaching about the river. A $60 fee is required for field trip and materials costs.

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED579. Integrating Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies in Grades 1-6. 6 Credits.
Focuses on assessment techniques, curriculum development and instruction based on New York State learning standards in English/Language Arts and Social Studies in the elementary school. Special emphasis on reading and writing in content areas at intermediate grade levels, with specific attention to social studies.

**Restrictions:**
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  - Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  - Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)

**Prerequisites:**
- EED523 Minimum Grade of D-

**Corequisites:**
- EED503

May not be repeated for credit
EED580. Connecting Mathematics, Science, and Technology in Elementary School. 6 Credits.
Focuses on assessment techniques, curriculum development and instruction based on New York State Learning Standards in mathematics, science, and technology in the elementary school, grades 1-6. Special emphasis is given to inquiry-based methodologies and the connectedness of the disciplines. Must take, at least, three credits before this course.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  • Child Ed 1-6 & Early Child B-2 (020E)
  • Childhood Ed 1-6 (020C)
Prerequisites:
• EED523 Minimum Grade of B
Corequisites:
• EED502
May not be repeated for credit

EED581. Foundations of Bilingual/Bicultural Education. 3 Credits.
Provides an overview of issues related to the education of limited English proficient students. The historical and legal foundations for bilingual education, models of bilingual education, and research findings regarding the effectiveness of bilingual education will be examined.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Second Language Education (065)
May not be repeated for credit

EED583. Methods and Materials in Bilingual Education. 3 Credits.
A review of the methods, techniques and materials for teaching in a bilingual setting. Includes methods and techniques for the teaching of mathematics, science and social studies in Spanish. Students will prepare and adapt materials for use in a bilingual classroom.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
Prerequisites:
• EED581 Minimum Grade of D-
• SED573 Minimum Grade of D-
May not be repeated for credit

EED585. Teaching Reading and Language Arts in a Bilingual Setting. 3 Credits.
An analysis of the methods and materials for teaching reading and language arts in Spanish to bilingual students. Discussion will focus on the role of language and experience in reading instruction and on the effectiveness of native language reading instruction.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
May not be repeated for credit

EED589. Practicum in Bilingual Education. 6 Credits.
A college-supervised experience in teaching in a bilingual setting required of all students in the Bilingual Education concentration during their final semester in the program. A research project based on the practicum experience will be required.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
Prerequisites:
• EED585 Minimum Grade of D-
May not be repeated for credit

EED593. Elem Ed Selected Topic. 12 Credits.
Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
May be repeated for credit

EED594. Fieldwork In Elementary Ed. 0 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
May not be repeated for credit

EED595. Indep Study Elementary Ed. 3-12 Credits.
Attributes:
• Liberal Arts
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
May be repeated for credit

EED604. Student Teaching Grades B-3. 3 Credits.
Student teaching field experience in the preschool through elementary classroom setting. Candidates observe and demonstrate proficiency in the fundamentals of teaching: planning and/or execution of standards-based pupil learning experiences; development of appropriate instructional practices and assessment tools; implementation of classroom management procedures; communication with parents and school personnel; maintenance of pupil progress and evaluation records.
Attributes:
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Professional Technical
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
May not be repeated for credit
EED605. Student Teaching Grades 4-6. 3 Credits.
Student teaching field experience in the preschool through elementary classroom setting. Candidates observe and demonstrate proficiency in the fundamentals of teaching: planning and/or execution of standards-based pupil learning experiences; development of appropriate instructional practices and assessment tools; implementation of classroom management procedures; communication with parents and school personnel; maintenance of pupil progress and evaluation records.

Attributes:
- Practicum - Non-Clinical
- Professional Technical

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED606. Student Teaching Seminar. 1 Credit.
Candidates explore and respond to issues in student teaching including: standards-based instructional practice; assessment and evaluation; critical reflection; classroom management; school-community relations; ethics and law; and post-commencement professional transitions.

Attributes:
- Professional Technical

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED693. Elementary Ed Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

EED700. Foundations of Early Childhood Education. 3 Credits.
Major historical and philosophical concepts in teaching young children from the seventeenth century to the present and their contribution to current curriculum practices.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED703. Program Planning for Young Children. 3 Credits.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED707. Workshop in Teaching Mathematics and Technology in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
Current issues in elementary school mathematics instruction will be addressed, with an emphasis on problem solving and the use of manipulatives. Topics covered will include remediation, the role of technology, assessment, and the integration of mathematics with other subject areas to enhance STEM education objectives.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED709. Workshop in Teaching Science and Literacy in the Elementary School. 3 Credits.
Foci of course: (1) National Science & ELA Standards; (2) hands-on materials, inquiry activities, children's literature, and science notebooks; (3) utilization of community, environment, and integrated approaches to connecting science and literacy; (4) includes development of learning centers, curriculum guides, and/or other alternate instructional strategies.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED710. Seminar in Elementary Education. 3 Credits.
Analysis of recent research, innovations, and experimentation in the elementary curriculum and instruction. Students demonstrate reasonable mastery of an area of elementary education relevant to their selected area of concentration through research projects.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED716. Science, Math, and Engineering for Young Children. 3 Credits.
Develop in children scientific and mathematical curiosity, awareness and skill in fundamental processes, concepts and operations. A variety of approaches, focusing on sensory experiences, to develop concepts in science, math and engineering. A study of developmental stages of children as they relate to concepts and skills aligned with state content standards and STEM education objectives.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED718. Models of Teaching: A Repertoire of Teaching. 3 Credits.
Effective models of teaching for teachers to use in their classroom settings. Opportunities to apply model syntax and teaching strategies in multiple classroom instructional arrangements.

Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit
EED721. Assessment and Curriculum Planning
Preschool and Elementary Grades. 3 Credits.
Consideration of current trends in assessment and classroom assessment practices that can be used in planning appropriate activities for students in the regular classroom.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Childhood Education (020A)

May not be repeated for credit

EED735. Workshop in Environmental/Outdoor Education and Mathematics. 3 Credits.
Teachers and administrators evaluate environmental education programs in schools and plan for children in the areas of social studies, science, mathematics, and physical health as they interrelate within an environmental education program. Opportunity to work cooperatively on environmental education programs using data analysis related to developmental curriculum and STEM education objectives.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED746. Workshop for the Remediation of Reading Difficulties. 3 Credits.
Working in a supervised laboratory setting, the student diagnoses, translates diagnostic results into a plan for remediation and carries out the plan within the time limitations of the course. The student develops competency in working with client and parent, in using specific remedial materials and techniques, and in reporting results.
Attributes:
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED747. Clinical Practices in Reading. 3 Credits.
(Summer only) Under close supervision, student works intensively with one or more children with serious reading problems, diagnosing, establishing a remedial program, tutoring, and reporting results. Student works with the client to discover and monitor the strategies that will bring greater comprehension. Family support is an ongoing consideration. Seminar explores functions and organization of a reading clinic, professional organizations, professional ethics.
Attributes:
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  • Literacy Ed and Adol Spec Ed (029B)
  • Literacy Ed and Child Spec Ed (029A)
  • Literacy Education: 5 - 12 (030B)
  • Literacy Education: B - 6 (030A)
Prerequisites:
• EED746 Minimum Grade of B
Corequisites:
• ED775

May not be repeated for credit

EED748. Current Practices in Reading. 3 Credits.
Provides an in-depth study of current research trends in reading and their application in the classroom. Emphasis is placed on library research, the reading of research and professional journal articles, and teacher effectiveness in reading.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  • Literacy Education: 5 - 12 (030B)
  • Literacy Education: B - 6 (030A)
  • Pre-K-6: General (013)

May not be repeated for credit

EED750. Developing Environmental/Outdoor Education Programs. 3 Credits.
Study of environmental and outdoor education programs, including planning, curriculum development, funding, administration and evaluation. Develop programs that teach the Learning Standards using the environment as context. Participation in field studies at the Mohonk Preserve and independent field trips to regional centers. (Footnote: Instruction takes place at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center. Ten days: 8 days in class from 9 am - 3:00 pm; 2 days independent field observations.)
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit
EED751. Internship in Environmental/Outdoor Education. 6 Credits.
Individualized contract in design, set-up, implementation and operation of an environmental education program for elementary children under direct guidance of a faculty advisor at an approved location.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED758. Clinical Practices in Literacy Intervention, 5-12. 3 Credits.
In this capstone course, candidates work in a clinically-rich setting assessing, designing, implementing, and adjusting as needed an intervention plan for students in grades 5-12 to demonstrate mastery of program content. The course also provides information as mandated by NYS Education law in instruction students in fire and arson prevention, prevention alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, and child abduction prevention.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following class: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  • Adol Special Ed and Lit Ed (059G)
  • Literacy Education: 5 - 12 (030B)

Prerequisites:
• EED 756 Minimum Grade of B

May not be repeated for credit

EED760. Literacy Leadership and Coaching. 3 Credits.
Within this clinically-rich course, candidates study literacy leadership and adult learning. Practices include leading RTI/assessment meetings, analyzing literacy programs, coaching, responding to policy decisions, writing grants, planning professional development, and establishing learning communities.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following class: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration):
  • Adol Special Ed and Lit Ed (059G)
  • Child Special Ed and Lit Ed (059C)
  • Literacy Ed and Child Spec Ed (029A)
  • Literacy Education: 5 - 12 (030B)
  • Literacy Education: B - 6 (030A)

Prerequisites:
• EED 755 Minimum Grade of B or EED 756 Minimum Grade of B
• EED 759 Minimum Grade of B

May not be repeated for credit

EED771. Creativity in the Classroom. 3 Credits.
Analysis of research in identification, development and measurement of creativity. Instructional designs and teacher behavior in creative teaching. Creative problem-solving and creativity training.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED793. Elementary Ed Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.
Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

EED794. Fieldwork in Elementary Ed. 0 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

EED795. Indep Study Elementary Ed. 3-12 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit