MST IN CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 1-6 AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION B-2

Childhood & Early Childhood Education (020E)
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The School of Education offers students holding a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to earn a Master of Science in Teaching degree in Childhood Education (1-6) and Early Childhood Education (B-2) leading to NYS initial/professional certification. The typical candidate for the MST will hold a baccalaureate degree in one of the liberal arts or sciences\(^1\) 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 B-2/1-6 grade level.

**Admission Requirements**

- Candidates for admission to program need to:
  - Hold a baccalaureate degree in an approved liberal arts or science area from a regionally accredited institution;\(^1\)
  - Have earned an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
  - Have completed:
    - six college credits of history including American History
    - six college credits or the equivalent in a foreign language
    - six credits of mathematics at the College Algebra level with a grade of “B” or better
    - six credits of English Composition with a grade of “B” or better
    - one laboratory science course, or two 3 credit science courses
  - Complete an admission application available from http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/forms.html and provide one official transcript of all college/university course work;
  - Submit two appropriate letters of recommendation on professional letterhead, no older than one year, from individuals who can attest to the candidate's ability to do graduate work and/or to work with children;
  - Earn a satisfactory score on the Miller Analogies Test or the Graduate Record Examination.

\(^1\) Acceptable Liberal Arts or Science Majors: Currently at SUNY New Paltz, teachable liberal arts or science majors registered with New York State are: art history, biology, black studies, English, French, geography, geology (earth science), history, mathematics, political science, and Spanish.

**Curriculum Requirements**

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<td>SPE565</td>
<td>Teaching Inclusive Classrooms</td>
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Select one of the following:

- EDS537 Issues in Multicultural Education
- EDS581 Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education
- SED566 Education Across Borders: International Ideas and Experience

**Elementary Content Core (9 Credits)**

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**Literacy and Diversity (3 Credits)**

Select one from below:

- EED528 Literacy and Language Learners
- EDS549 Issues in Literacy for Diverse Learners
- SPE572 Tchg. Learners of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds
- EED581 Foundations of Bilingual/Bicultural Education

**Education Pedagogy (18 Credits)**

Select one from below:

- EED520 Literacy and Reading Development - Birth - Kindergarten
- EED522 Play: The Foundations of Literacy for Young children (B-K)
- EED580 Integrating Mathematics, Science, and Technology in Elementary School
- EED579 Integrating Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies in Grades 1-6
- EED716 Science, Math, and Engineering for Young Children

**Fieldwork (3 Credits)**

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**Student Teaching (7 Credits)**

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**Total Credits** 46

**Requirements for Completion of the Degree**

Candidates are required to:

- Develop a plan of study with an advisor upon matriculation;
- Complete prescribed course work and other requirements within five years of matriculation;
- Maintain a cumulative average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-.

**Certification Requirements**

- Teacher Performance Assessment portfolio (edTPA)
- Content Specialty Test (CST) Multi-Subjects
- EAS (Educating All Students) test
- Completion of Child Abuse (mandated reporting) Seminar
- Completion of SAVE workshop
- Completion of DASA workshop
• Training in Health & Safety Education (EDI 095)
• Fingerprinting