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

Program Overview

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Program ID: 020E
Credits: 46
Program Length: The MST can be completed in two years if enrolled part-time, but students must complete the degree within 5 years
Modality: Hybrid (In-person & Online)
Full-time/Part-time: Part-time
Transfer Credits: 6
Capstone: Practicum
Certification/Licensure: NYSED Initial/Professional Early Childhood Education B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6

Program Description

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 (p. 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.

Acceptable Liberal Arts or Sciences Majors

Acceptable majors or equivalent credits must provide the student with “a knowledge base for teaching to the State learning standards for students in the following areas of the childhood education curriculum: the arts; career development and occupational studies; English language arts; health, physical education, family and consumer sciences; languages other than English; mathematics, science and technology; and social studies.” Additional guidance regarding the social studies content core provides that “[a]ctable studies include coursework in economics, government, United States history, world history, geography, sociology, anthropology, and political science.” Further guidance is found in the NYSED Program requirements for students grades prekindergarten through four and in the General and Program Specific Requirements for Childhood Education Teacher Certification.

Current acceptable Liberal Arts or Science majors at SUNY New Paltz that meet the above definition typically include the following, provided the students also meet all other admission requirements.

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Biology
- Black Studies
- Communication
- Dance
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- Geology (Earth Science)
- History
- Languages other than English (including but not limited to: French, German, Italian, and Spanish)
- Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Women & Gender Studies

Admission Requirements

- Candidates for admission to the program need to:
- Hold a baccalaureate degree in an approved liberal arts or science area (p. 1) from a regionally accredited institution;
- Have earned an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
- Have completed:
  - six college credits of history including American History
  - six credits of mathematics at the College Algebra level with a grade of “B-” or better
  - six credits of science courses
- 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
- Graduate Admission Essay

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and between 400–500 words. Since your essay provides us with a sample of your writing, it should reflect exemplary organization, writing style, and mechanics. Compose and upload an essay that clearly addresses the following:

- How have your previous experiences contributed to your decision to enter the program?
- How will graduate study assist you in achieving your future career and educational aspirations?
- What are your professional goals?
Application Deadlines

- Summer Admission - Applications must be complete by April 1
- Fall Admission - Applications must be complete by June 30

Curriculum Requirements

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Literacy and Diversity (3 Credits)

Select one from below:

- LED528  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  Connecting 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)

- EED501  Fieldwork in Early Childhood
- EED502  Fieldwork in Math, Science, and Technology
- EED503  Fieldwork in Grades 3-6

Student Teaching (7 Credits)

- EED604  Student Teaching Grades B-3
- EED605  Student Teaching Grades 4-6
- EED606  Student Teaching Seminar

Total Credits 46

Certification Requirements

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

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.