

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 sciences¹ 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

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Studies Core (6 Credits)		
SPE565	Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms	3
Select one of the following:		3

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)		
EED523	Reading in the Primary Grades	3
EED535	Research in Child, Family, School in Grades B-2	3
EED536	Research in Child, Family, School in Grades 3-6	3
Literacy and Diversity (3 Credits)		
Select one from below:		3
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:		3
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	6
EED579	Integrating Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies in Grades 1-6	6
EED716	Science, Math, and Engineering for Young Children	3
Fieldwork (3 Credits)		
EED501	Fieldwork in Early Childhood	1
EED502	Fieldwork in Math, Science, and Technology	1
EED503	Fieldwork in Grades 3-6	1
Student Teaching (7 Credits)		
EED604	Student Teaching Grades B-3	3
EED605	Student Teaching Grades 4-6	3
EED606	Student Teaching Seminar	1
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