The School of Education offers students holding a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to earn a Master of Science in Teaching (MST) degree leading to NYS initial/professional certification in Childhood Education (1-6). 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 1-6 grade level.

Admission Requirements
Candidates for admission to the program need to:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree in an approved liberal arts or science area 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 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.

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