The State University of New York at New Paltz offers a graduate program in Literacy Education (grades B-6 or 5-12) for students interested in becoming a literacy specialist. Successful applicants will have initial New York State teaching certification (in one of the areas below) and a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

Additionally, we offer an accelerated program for students seeking a second master’s degree in literacy education. Successful second-degree applicants will have earned a master’s degree in a related field within education and be certified in one of the areas below:

Acceptable NYS Teaching Certification Areas:

- Early Childhood (B-2) or Childhood Education 1-6
- Adolescent Education (Grades 7-12) or Adolescence/Middle Grades Education (all subjects)
- Special Education (B-2, 1-6, or 7-12)
- Speech and Hearing Handicapped
- Music Education
- Art Education

NOTE: Three years of teaching experience as a certified literacy teacher is required for professional certification.

Graduate Programs in Literacy Education

- MSEd in Literacy Education B-6
- MSEd in Literacy Education Grades 5-12

NOTE: Admission to our dual certification programs in literacy and special education has been temporarily suspended. Students should contact the department for alternative options.