LITERACY EDUCATION (BIRTH-GRADE 6 AND GRADES 5-12)

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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. Our new, flexible, fully online curriculum that lets you join a cohort of remote learners in completing classes and fieldwork requirements remotely. Our traditional, on-campus model remains available, and we can also accommodate part-time or accelerated course schedules to help you achieve your goals in a way that fits into your life. 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 suspended. Students should contact the department for alternative options.