MSED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
- CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (GRADES 1-6)

Childhood Special Education (Grades 1-6) (060C)

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The graduate program in Special Education has been carefully designed to prepare teacher candidates with the skills and qualifications needed to begin a fulfilling career. Applicants with NYS Initial Certification in Childhood Education 1-6 will complete 32 credit hours of course work. Upon successful completion of the program, teacher candidates are eligible for the NYS Education Department initial certification in Students with Disabilities (SWD), grades 1-6 (Initial/Professional and Professional).

Admission Requirements
You must submit:

- Evidence of NYS Initial Teaching Certification in:
  - Childhood Education 1-6; or
  - One of the following certification areas:
    Visual Arts Education (all grades), Music Education (all grades), Physical Education (all grades), Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (all grades); Teaching Students with Speech and Language Disabilities, Teaching Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired (all grades), or Teaching Students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing (all grades).

  **NOTE:** Candidates holding an Initial teaching certificate in an area other than Childhood 1-6 must also meet the requirements for Initial Childhood 1-6 certification before program completion.

- One official transcript of all undergraduate and graduate work providing evidence of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Describe your personal and professional experience that led you to apply to the New Paltz Special Education program. How do you see the New Paltz Special Education program helping you advance toward your professional goals? The response should be 300-400 words in length. The special education faculty will examine the writing sample with respect to content, clarity, and organization of ideas, grammar, and style.
- Contact information for three references capable of addressing your ability to successfully complete a rigorous graduate program in Special Education.

Application Deadlines
April 1 Fall and Summer Admission
November 1 Spring Admission
Graduation Requirements

- Certification Exam
- In order for SUNY New Paltz to recommend a student for certification, you must pass the Students with Disabilities Content Specialty Test.