

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

## Program Overview

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<b>Program ID</b>	060C
<b>Credits</b>	32
<b>Program Length</b>	The MSEd can be completed in 3 semesters if enrolled full-time, but students must complete degree within 5 years
<b>Modality</b>	In-person
<b>Full-time/Part-time</b>	Full-time
<b>Transfer Credits</b>	6
<b>Capstone</b>	Practicum
<b>Licensure/Certification</b>	NYSED Initial/Professional SWD Childhood 1-6

## Program Description

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.
- 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

## Curriculum Requirements

The Childhood Special Education program consists of 32 credit hours. The plan below illustrates full-time study; however, students may elect to enroll part-time.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Fall One (12 Credits)</b>		
SPE566	Introduction to Special Education	3
SPE567	Educational Assessment of Students with Disabilities	3
SPE715	Issues and Research in Sp Ed	3
SPE735	Foundations of Literacy for Childhood Students with Disabilities	3

Choose one:

SPE583	Fieldwork III: Primary (Grades 1-3)	
SPE584	Fieldwork IV: Intermediate (Grades 4-6)	

**Spring One (12 Credits)**

SPE559	Instructional and Behavioral Environments	3
SPE573	Collaboration Strategies	3
SPE736	Literacy Instruction for Childhood Students with Disabilities	3
SPE737	Instructional Practices in the Content Areas for Childhood Students with Disabilities	3

Choose one:

SPE583	Fieldwork III: Primary (Grades 1-3)	
SPE584	Fieldwork IV: Intermediate (Grades 4-6)	

**Fall Two (8 Credits)**

SPE572	Tchg. Learners of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds	3
SPE763	Practicum Seminar in Special Education	1
Practicum in Childhood Special Education		4

**Total Credits** 32

## Program Requirements

- Complete the prescribed course work and other requirements within five years after matriculation.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-.

## Additional Requirements

- This program is field-based. As a result, a significant amount of your teacher preparation program will be conducted in the professional field under supervision with students and cooperating teachers. The required practicum is offered during the spring and fall. Summer practicum is available to those meeting certain criteria. This is important to consider in planning your program since working in the field demands that you have time available to spend in schools,

clinics, and classrooms. This may necessitate an adjustment to your daily schedule. You must have a 3.0 average in graduate courses and no more than two courses with a B- in order to enroll in the practicum course, SPE733.

- Deadlines for practicum application forms are available in the Educational Studies Office, Old Main Building 108.

## **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.