

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Humanistic/Multicultural Education

General Program



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Overview

The Educational Studies Department of the State University of New York at New Paltz offers a Masters degree in Professional Studies in Humanistic/Multicultural Education. The 30-credit General Program is designed for human service, not-for-profit, and higher education professionals and K-12 professionally-certified educators seeking additional understandings and skills for teaching diverse learners.

Humanistic/Multicultural Education integrates intellectual/cognitive and emotional/affective learning through an experiential and participatory process. Students increase self-knowledge and develop effective human relations and critical thinking skills. The program offers a self-reflective, process-oriented approach to diversity and issues of social justice. Students learn to work cooperatively with others to foster personal, institutional, and social change and promote more humane, democratic and inclusive classrooms, organizations, and communities.



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This program of study benefits those working in community colleges and other educational settings, group homes, child care centers, cooperative extension services, community-based recreation and education programs, youth agencies, women's centers, hospitals, and other human service agencies that offer educational as well as clinical services.

The program also serves teachers who seek a second masters to strengthen their background in a student-centered, multicultural approach to education. Prospective students also include other school staff such as school nurse teachers, curriculum specialists, as well as private school teachers.

The flexible 30-credit general program allows for the development of an individualized plan of study unique to varying professional goals by providing a wide variety of electives. The program can be tailored for persons working with special client groups in the human services.

In addition, there are **three program emphases** that professionals working in women's studies and services, not-for-profits, or higher education may select.

Women's Studies and Services - Within the 30-credit MPS program, professionals working with women or women's programs can take a series of courses in the program that provide a specific concentration on women and women's issues.

Not-For-Profit Professionals - Within the 30-credit MPS program, not-for-profit professionals working in a wide range of community organizations can take a series of courses in the Program as well as choose from a range of courses offered in the School of Education, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Business that address the specific needs of their not-for-profit roles.

Higher Education Professionals - Within the 30-credit MPS program, higher education professionals working in administrative, student service, and instructional roles can take a series of courses in the Program as well as choose from a range of courses offered in the School of Education, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Business that address the specific needs of their higher education roles.

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- One official copy of a baccalaureate transcript from a regionally accredited institution. The degree should contain appropriate courses in the special subject area of certification.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who have a professional relationship with the prospective student and can address the student's potential for graduate work.
- A two-page essay describing how the MPS Humanistic/Multicultural Program will help you meet your personal and professional goals. This can be integrated into the statement on the application form.
- An interview with a member of the faculty
- A 3.0 overall cumulative undergraduate grade point average
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00



NEW PALTZ -- The State University of New York at New Paltz has been chosen as the “Hottest Small State School” in the nation by the 2008 Kaplan/Newsweek “How to Get into College” Guide.



U.S. News & World Report’s 2011 America’s Best Colleges guidebook ranks NEW PALTZ 7th among the best public universities in the North with master’s degree programs.



Deadlines and Dates

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Applications to the MPS program should be submitted by:

Fall Semester -- April 15

Spring Semester -- October 15

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30 credits – General Program

38541 Humanistic/Multicultural Approaches to Education and Human Services

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Humanistic/Multicultural Education Electives

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EDS542 Women’s Issues in Human Services

EDS545 Cooperatively Structured Learning

EDS546 Conflict Resolution in Education

EDS547 Education of Self for Professionals

EDS548 Helping Skills in Social Context

EDS581 Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education

EDS582 Girls, Women and Education

EDS732 Group Dynamics

EDS735 Experiential Workshop Design

EDS741 Affective Education

EDS742 Dynamics of Planned Change

EDS753 Leadership in Education and Human Service Settings

Electives in Education, Liberal Arts, Fine and Performing Arts

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EDS748 Qualitative Research Methods

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(Taken after completion of at least 24 credits.)

EDS749 Seminar in Humanistic/Multicultural Education and Human Services

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(Taken after completion of at least 24 credits.)

Tuition and Fees

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Full-time = 12 or more credits / **Part-time** = 11 credits or fewer.

NYS Resident graduate - \$4,185 (Per Semester / Full time)

Non-NYS resident graduate - \$6,890 (Per Semester / Full time)

NYS Resident graduate - \$349 (Per Credit Hour)

Non-NYS resident graduate - \$574 (Per Credit Hour)

Fees and health insurance are not included in total tuition amount.

For more information on Tuitions and Fees follow this Link:

http://www.newpaltz.edu/student_accounts/

Scholarships

Helpful Links:

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[Student Accounts](#)

[Virtual Tour of Campus](#)

Graduate Opportunity Program

http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/graduate_scholarship_ebrochure.pdf

Sojourner Truth Diversity Fellowship

http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/graduate_scholarship_ebrochure.pdf

Teaching Assistant & Graduate Assistant Program

http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/TAGA_e-Brochure.pdf

Financial Aid

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Financial aid is available to matriculated graduate students who are enrolled at least half time. Graduate students usually receive Stafford loans and potentially, NYS TAP.

To qualify for Financial Aid, students must:

1. File a FASFA and submit all requested documents.
2. Be matriculated in a graduate program.
3. Be registered for at least 6 credits during the summer, fall or spring semesters.

For more information on how to apply for TAP, Stafford loans, and Alternative Loans go to <http://www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/index.html>

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Program Coordinators:

For further information or to arrange for a meeting to discuss this program further, contact:

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Graduate Advising

The Office of Graduate Admission Advising provides program and admissions information to prospective graduate students in person, by phone, or via e-mail. Prospective students are able to meet on a walk-in basis or by appointment with an advisor who provides individualized program and application information. The office offers convenient evening and weekend hours.

Office Location: Graduate Advising/Regional Education

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Phone: (845) 257-3285

Toll-free: (800) 248-8856

Fax: (845) 257-2899

E-mail: gradschool@newpaltz.edu

When sending an e-mail, please include your first name, last name, the program you are interested in and your date of birth.

Graduate School Open House:

TBD

Map:

http://www.newpaltz.edu/map/loc_sdma.html