

# Post Master Certificate Program

## Multicultural Education



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## Overview

Our schools are becoming more diverse, and not all students are achieving to their fullest potential. Many educators feel the need for additional professional development in diversity education.

Responding to this need, the Department of Educational Studies of the State University of New York at New Paltz offers a post-master's Certificate Program in Multicultural Education. This 15-credit program is designed for elementary, secondary and special subject teachers, as well as school guidance counselors and administrators who are interested in enhancing their cultural competencies in multicultural education.

Designed for professionals who already have their master's degree, this certificate program enables educators to understand the ways in which race, gender, class, language, sexual orientation, religion, and physical/learning ability influence them as professionals, their students, and the educational process. In addition, it provides educators with the knowledge and skills needed for culturally-responsive teaching and leadership, and approaches for creating socially-just educational settings.



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The Department of Educational Studies, which is comprised of the Humanistic/ Multicultural Education Program, the Special Education Program, and the Educational Foundations Unit, is uniquely qualified to offer this Certificate in Multicultural Education. All three units have a long history of offering a range of relevant multicultural courses, both theoretical and practical, from which students can choose in developing their plan of study for this 15-credit program. In addition, this certificate program draws on the resources of the Second Language Education Program in the Secondary Education Department.

## Application Requirements

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- Evidence of interest in multicultural/social justice education
- An official copy of all graduate transcripts indicating evidence of a master's degree in education from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Two letters of recommendation from school district officials, administrators, or colleagues
- A 2-3 page personal essay describing your current educational initiatives in multicultural/diversity education and/or your goals for future endeavors for fostering greater appreciation of diversity in your classroom and school
- A non-refundable application fee of \$25.00
- An interview with a member of the faculty

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Applications should be submitted by:

Fall Semester -- April 1

Spring Semester -- November 1

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## 15 credits – Certificate Program

Students complete 15 graduate credits of course work, in a non-matriculated status, which include a 3-credit introductory course, 9 credits of electives, and a 3-credit capstone course. Students must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. At the completion of the program, a Certificate in Multicultural Education will be granted by the State University of New York at New Paltz.

NOTE: Some weekend classes are required to complete this program. If this is a problem, please notify the coordinator when you apply to the program in order to attempt to plan for a mutually acceptable accommodation.

### Introductory Course

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EDS581 Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education

### Multicultural Education Electives

9

*To be selected from:*

#### Theoretical

EDS537 Issues in Multicultural Education

EDS549 Issues of Literacy for Diverse Learners

SPE572 Teaching Students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

EDS753 Leadership in Education and Human Services

#### Practical

EDS545 Cooperatively Structured Learning

EDS548 Helping Skills in the Social Context

EDS582 Girls, Women and Education

SPE565 Teaching in the Inclusive Classroom

SED573 Teaching English as a Second Language

### Capstone Course

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EDS793 Applied Practice in Multicultural/Social Justice Education

**Note:** Graduate courses taken prior to admission to the Certificate Program cannot be applied to students' plans of study for this program. All graduate courses will be taken at SUNY New Paltz.



**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.



## Helpful Links:

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[Virtual Tour of Campus](#)

## Graduate School Open House:

TBD

Map:

[http://www.newpaltz.edu/map/loc\\_sdma.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/map/loc_sdma.html)

## 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 tuition and fees follow this Link:

[http://www.newpaltz.edu/student\\_accounts/](http://www.newpaltz.edu/student_accounts/)

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### Program Coordinators:

For further information or to arrange for a meeting to discuss the 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

Map: [http://www.newpaltz.edu/map/loc\\_regional.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/map/loc_regional.html)

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