

GRADUATE SCHOOL

MASTER OF SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS

MST - Childhood 1-6

State University of New York at New Paltz



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Overview

The Master of Science for Teachers (MST) at the State University of New York at New Paltz offers students holding a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to earn elementary (1-6) school teaching certification and a master's degree in teaching. The typical candidate for the MST will hold a bachelor's degree in one of the liberal arts or sciences from an accredited college and will have a background in history, a foreign language, mathematics, English, and science.

Candidates seeking the MST enjoy distinct advantages among candidates seeking Childhood (grades 1-6) teacher certification:

- The MST program at the State University of New York at New Paltz fully prepares teacher candidates in “one stop.” It provides a comprehensive and well-structured teacher education curriculum leading both to **initial** and **professional** certification in Childhood Education and a **Master's** degree in Teaching.
- Throughout their study, New Paltz teacher candidates gain experience in local elementary school classrooms. Beginning with 100 hours of field work, teacher candidates connect the theory and practice of teaching. Field work, in turn, prepares teacher candidates for student teaching. New Paltz teacher candidates graduate with the skills they need to be successful teachers.
- New Paltz teacher education programs have achieved the highest level of accreditation under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Through the process of professional accreditation, NCATE helps to establish high-quality teacher preparation.
- The New York State Education Department requires candidates seeking their first initial teaching certificate in Childhood Education (grades 1-6) to do so through an approved teacher education program such as the MST program at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Application Requirements

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Candidates must hold a baccalaureate degree with an academic major in Art History, Black Studies, Biology, English, French, Geography, Geology, History, Math, Political Science, or Spanish.

Your undergraduate study should include:

- Six credits of history including American History
- Six credits in foreign language
- Six credits of Mathematics at College Algebra level
- Six credits of English with a grade of “B” or better
- A laboratory science course

Additional Requirements

- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Three letters of recommendation
- Satisfactory scores on the Miller Analogy Test (minimum score 45 in the percentile of the major) or Graduate Record Exam general test (minimum 500 average)
- A 500-word essay describing your educational aspirations and experiences in working with students in educational settings, and outlining how the master’s program will help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

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Students may call test centers and arrange for individual computerized testing. Scores are available within a few weeks. GRE or MAT scores are valid for five years. www.gre.com or www.millieranalogies.com

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Applications to the MST program **must be received** on or before:

Fall Semester -- on or before April 1st

Spring Semester -- on or before November 15th



Curriculum Requirements

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39 credits + 12 Undergraduate credits (full-time student teaching)

Educational Studies (6)

SPE565 Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms (3)

one of the following:

EDS537 Issues in Multicultural Education (3)

EDS581 Racism and Sexism in Education (3)

Elementary Education (24)

Required courses:

EED580 Connecting Mathematics, Science, and Technology (6)

EED579 Integrating Language Arts and Social Studies in the Elementary School (6)

EED523 Reading in the Primary Grades (3)

EED535 Child, Family, School I: Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Pre-K-2 (3)

EED536 Child, Family, School II: Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Grades 3-6 (3) (*Must be taken in a semester following EED535*)

EED721 Assessment and Curriculum Planning, Preschool and Elementary Grades (3)

Liberal Arts and Sciences (6)

One graduate course in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (3) with advisement and a Mathematics course (3)

MAT510 Geometry for Elementary Teachers OR

MAT520 Statistics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers

Research (3)

EDI798 Principles of Research (3)

Student Teaching (Undergraduate credits) (12)

A full-time student teaching experience is required. You will be eligible for enrollment in student teaching upon completion of all other course requirements and having maintained a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.



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.



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Open House:

TBD

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Tuition and Fees

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Full-time student = 12 or more credits.

Part-time student = 11 credits or less.

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

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Graduate Opportunity Program Waiver

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

Sojourner Truth Fellowship Waiver

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

Teaching Assistant & Graduate Assistant Program:

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

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Financial aid is available to matriculated graduate students that 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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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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When sending an e-mail, please include your first name, last name, the program you are interested in and your date of birth.