The Graduate School
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 1-6 & EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION B-2 (020E)

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The School of Education offers students holding a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to earn an early childhood and childhood teaching certificate and a master’s degree in teaching. The typical candidate for the Master of Science in Teaching (MST) will hold a baccalaureate 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.

The program includes instruction in educational studies, developmentally appropriate practices, content pedagogy and research.

The program can be completed in 2 years (2 fall semesters, 2 spring, 1 winter, and 1 summer), which includes one semester of full-time student teaching. Upon graduation, students will receive the Master of Science in Teaching degree and will have completed all academic requirements for initial teaching certification in New York State. Professional certification requires three years, or 540 full-time days, of successful teaching experience at the B-6 grade level.

Admission Requirements

- Candidates for admission to program need to:
- Hold a baccalaureate degree in an approved liberal arts or science area from a regionally accredited institution or have equivalent credit hours; *
- Have earned an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
- Have completed:
  - six college credits of history including American History
  - six college credits or the equivalent in a foreign language
  - six credits of mathematics at the College Algebra level with a grade of “B” or better
  - six credits of English with a grade of “B” or better
  - a laboratory science course (4 credits) or 2 non Lab science courses (6 credits)
- Complete an admission application available from http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/forms.html and provide one official transcript of all
college/university course work;

- Submit two appropriate letters of recommendation on professional letterhead dated within one year from individuals who can attest to the ability of the candidate to do graduate work and/or to work with children;
- Earn a satisfactory score on the Miller Analogies Test or the Graduate Record Examination.

### Acceptable Liberal Arts or Science Majors

*Currently at SUNY New Paltz, teachable liberal arts or science majors registered with New York State are: art history, biology, black studies, English, French, geography, geology (earth science), history, mathematics, political science, and Spanish.*

### Application Procedures

Students may select to [apply online](#) or via paper application.

Review begins March 15th

To apply, submit the following items to the Graduate School in one complete packet:

1. A signed application (paper applications) or a signature page (online applications)
2. All undergraduate transcripts, including schools with transfer credits in sealed envelopes
3. One essay stating intent and objective of your graduate studies
4. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes
5. Satisfactory GRE scores or MAT Scores

If you have questions about the application process or the programs offered, please contact the Graduate School at (845) 257-3947 or gradschool@newpaltz.edu.

### Requirements for Completion of the Degree

Candidates are required to:

- Develop a plan of study with an advisor upon matriculation;
- Complete prescribed course work and other requirements within five years of matriculation;
- Maintain a cumulative average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-.

### Curriculum Requirements / 46 graduate credits

**Educational Studies Core** ............................. 6 credits

SPE565 Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms (3cr)

*An approved diversity course (3 cr.) - Choose one of the following:*

   - EED537 Issues in Multicultural Education (3cr.)
EED581 Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education (3cr.)
SED566 Education across Borders (3cr.)
SED572 Teaching Learners of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds (3cr.)

**Elementary Content Core** .......................... 12 credits
EED523 Reading the Primary Grades (3cr)
EED535 Research Child, Family, School 1 (3cr)
EED536 Research Child, Family, School 2 (3cr)
EED593 Literacy & Language Learner (3cr)

**Education Pedagogy** ................................. 18 credits
*An approved early childhood course (3cr) – Choose one of the following:*
   - EED520 Reading, Language Development in Young Children (B-K) (3cr)
   - EED593 Play: The Foundations of Literacy for Young Children (B-K) (3cr)
EED580 Connecting Mathematics, Science and Technology in Elem School (6cr)
EED579 Integrating Reading/LA and Social Studies in Elem School (6cr)
EED716 Science and Mathematics for Young Children (3cr)

**Fieldwork** ............................................. 3 credits
EED501 Graduate Fieldwork 1 (1cr)
EED502 Graduate Fieldwork 2 (1cr)
EED503 Graduate Fieldwork 3 (1cr)

**Student Teaching** ................................. 7 credits
EED604 Graduate Student Teaching Grades 1-3 (3cr)
EED605 Graduate Student Teaching Grades 4-6 (3cr)
EED606 Graduate Student Teaching Seminar (1cr)

**Certification Requirements**
- Teacher Performance Assessment portfolio (edTPA)
- Content Specialty Test (CST) Multi-Subjects
- ALST (Academic Literacy Skills Test)
- EAS (Educating All Students) test
- Completion of Child Abuse (mandated reporting) Seminar
- Completion of SAVE workshop
- Completion of DASA workshop
- Fingerprinting

For course descriptions, please click [COURSES](#)