The Master of Science in Teaching (MST) program provides candidates with a Baccalaureate degree in an acceptable liberal arts or science major the opportunity to earn a NYS teaching certificate in Childhood Ed (1-6) and Early Childhood Ed (B-2).

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.

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

The program can be completed in four semesters, 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;*
- 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

- 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.

Application Procedures
Review begins March 15th
Our online application system allows students to manage their application process. Review the steps below for a quick overview of the process.

1. **PREPARE ADMISSION CHECKLIST ITEMS**
   To expedite a faculty review of an application, students may upload the following items:
   - Admission Essay
   - Student copies of transcripts* from every college/university attended
   - Student copies of standardized test scores*
   - Request letters of recommendation—after submitting the application, students will need to provide their recommender’s name and email address in order to complete the request process.
   - Evidence of NYS teaching certification (if appropriate)
   - Art portfolio (if appropriate)
   - International student documentation
   - Resume/CV (if appropriate)
   - Program specific forms (e.g., Com Dis pre-req form, etc.)

   * Full admission **REQUIRES** the submission of official transcripts and test scores.

2. **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**
   - **SUNY New Paltz** students, alumni, faculty and staff must log into the application system using their New Paltz credentials (NPCUID).
   - **NEW** students may create an account by selecting the New User option and verifying their email address.
   - **RETURNING** users may access the application system using their email address and password that was included when creating their account.

3. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**
   - Once you have logged into the system, select the term that you would like to begin your program.
   
   **NOTE:** Certain programs restrict admission to a specific term. Please email gradschool@newpaltz.edu if you do not see the program that you would like to pursue.

4. **CHECK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS**
   - Log in as a Returning User to modify your application or monitor its status.
5. Order OFFICIAL transcripts and test scores be sent to:
   - SUNY New Paltz
     Graduate & Extended Learning
     800 Hawk Drive
     New Paltz, NY 12561-2442

Ready to Apply?

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