

**Program Application  
Bachelor's Degree Programs  
Department of Secondary Education**

The Secondary Education Department's BA and BS degree programs lead to eligibility for initial New York State teaching certification for grades 7-12 in the areas of English, foreign language (French, Spanish), mathematics, science (biology, chemistry, earth science, physics), or social studies.

These rigorous programs are designed for candidates who are "committed to becoming caring, critical, and reflective professionals responsive to the needs of a diverse society" (see Conceptual Framework <http://www.newpaltz.edu/secondaryed/>). Program graduates must demonstrate competence in the following areas: inquiry, intellectual growth, professionalism, appreciation of human diversity, advocacy for youth, and democratic citizenship (see Program Learning Outcomes <http://www.newpaltz.edu/secondaryed/>). Students begin this five-semester program in the second semester of their sophomore year after they have earned 24 or more credits.

These programs require extensive pre-student teaching field experiences in addition to a full semester student teaching in both a middle and a high school. Fieldwork and student teaching sites are in a variety of regional schools within one hour of the New Paltz campus. For some programs additional fieldwork sites exist in New York City and Utica, New York. Students remain responsible for their own transportation and must understand that some sites require up to an hour commute.

**Prerequisites for Application to the Adolescence Education Programs**

The following are the guidelines for declaring a major in the Secondary Education Curriculum:

1. A 2.75 overall GPA in at least 24 credits in college course work
2. A minimum grade of B in both required freshman English composition courses
3. Completion of the Program Application, including an acceptable two- to three-page essay. (see attached)
4. **Note:** Students wishing to apply to Adolescence Education/Math must first be accepted as a math major. A Declaration of Major form signed by the Math Department must be submitted with the application.

**Please submit:**       **(1) the completed application;**  
                                  **(2) a current SUNY New Paltz Progress Report showing your course grades (if you are now enrolled at SUNY New Paltz); and**  
                                  **(3) copies of transcripts from all previously attended institutions (if needed)**

**TO:** Chair, Department of Secondary Education  
SUNY New Paltz  
Old Main Building, room 323  
1 Hawk Drive  
New Paltz, NY 12561-2443

Application Deadlines:  
**MARCH 31** - To be accepted for the fall semester.  
**OCTOBER 31** - To be accepted for the spring semester.

You will receive an email from the department after your application is reviewed. For inquiries regarding application status, contact the department secretary at (845) 257-2850.

**Please note: This application is for undergraduate programs in the Department of Secondary Education; it is NOT an application to SUNY New Paltz. If you are not currently enrolled, you must apply to SUNY New Paltz before applying to this program.**

## Application to the Adolescence Education Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

**Major (circle one):** biology, chemistry, earth science, English, French, mathematics, physics, social studies, Spanish

Student ID #: N \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code

Permanent telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of college credits successfully completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous colleges attended and dates (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have or expect to have a two-year degree? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If yes, circle one: AA AS AAS

- If yes, when did/will you receive your degree? \_\_\_\_\_
- If yes, from what community college did/will you receive your degree?

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*If you are a current student wishing to declare Secondary, please enclose a current SUNY New Paltz Progress Report showing your course grades.*

## **ESSAY**

**Please write an essay explaining your interest(s) in the values and commitments of the School of Education. First, read the Conceptual Framework for the School of Education, located at:**

**[http://www.newpaltz.edu/schoolofed/accreditation\\_framework.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/schoolofed/accreditation_framework.html)**

**After reading the framework, pick one or more of the six values and commitments about which you feel strongly. In a compelling and organized response of NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES, provide specific examples of how your experience and character speak to these values.**