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. Students begin this five-semester program in the second semester of their sophomore year after they have earned 24 or more credits.

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/schoolofed/accreditation_framework.html). Program graduates must demonstrate competence in the following areas: critical inquiry and intellectual development, professional skills and disposition, culturally responsive practice and social justice, and democratic citizenship and student advocacy.

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, 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 requirements for admission into the Secondary Education programs:

1. A 3.0 overall GPA in at least 24 credits in college course work (effective for fall 2015 admission)
2. A minimum grade of B in both required freshman English composition courses
3. Completion of the Program Application, including an acceptable two 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
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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.
Please read the following paragraphs carefully:

**Information about the Student Teaching Experience**

Student Teaching is a capstone experience for all undergraduate secondary and elementary teacher candidates seeking a bachelor’s degree. It is a full-time commitment extending for an entire semester with placements in two different settings. As such, the School of Education requires that all required coursework is completed BEFORE the capstone experience begins, and it restricts candidates from taking any other course(s) while registered for student teaching except the co-requisite fieldwork 3 and the student teaching seminar.

**New Information about GPA Requirements for Methods**

Effective for fall 2015, all Adolescence Education/7-12 students must have a 3.0 GPA to register for methods. Students unable to meet this GPA prerequisite will be advised to change their major so they can graduate in a timely manner.
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 Education, 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

After reading the framework, pick one of the four dimensions about which you feel strongly. In a compelling and organized response of NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES, identify the dimension, discuss your understanding of it, and provide specific examples of how your experience and character speak to it.