Graduate Programs in

EDUCATION

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The Vision

The teacher education unit faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh engages in the professional development of educators at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Our purpose is to prepare educators who are competent, qualified, and caring relative to NYSED standards; who are anchored in the university’s commitment to the liberal arts; and, who endeavor to practice effective pedagogy, reflect critically upon teaching and the learning process, and exemplify ethical, human and democratic principles within a complex technological and global society.

The shared vision reflects our commitment to diversity and technology across the curriculum, and dedication to preparing our education majors to work with students with culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds and students with disabilities—all students.

The core elements of the shared vision are summarized in nine themes to prepare competent, qualified, and caring teachers:

- Content in Context
- Learning Environments
- Technology
- Assessment
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Recursive Learning
- Collaboration
- Modeling
- Multiculturalism and Diversity

The Programs

The education faculty offer degree programs and a certificate program: a Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.); a Master of Science for Teachers (M.S.T.); and a Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.).

- The Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) is offered in Curriculum and Instruction, in Literacy, and in Special Education to NYS certified teachers.
- The Master of Science for Teachers (M.S.T.) is offered in Adolescence Education and in Childhood Education to those with an undergraduate degree who want to be NYS certified teachers.
- The C.A.S. in Educational Leadership prepares school leaders.

Each graduate program has its own specific admission requirements which can be found at www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate/.

The M.S.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, the M.S.T. in Adolescence Education and in Childhood Education, and the C.A.S. in Educational Leadership are offered at both the Plattsburgh Campus and the Branch Campus at Adirondack Community College (ACC) in Queensbury.

SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Main Campus is located in a small city on the shores of Lake Champlain, bordering the Adirondack Mountains and one hour from Lake Placid; Burlington, Vermont; and Montreal, Canada. The Branch Campus at ACC in Queensbury is ideally located for those who reside in the greater Albany area. Easy access to recreation, arts, and entertainment make living in the region unique and enriching.
Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.)

Curriculum and Instruction: The graduate program in Curriculum and Instruction is designed for strong teachers who want to improve their teaching skills. Teachers applying to this program hold certification in art, music, biology, chemistry, Earth science, mathematics, French, Spanish, and childhood education.

Literacy Education: The graduate programs in Literacy Education (Birth-Grade 6 or Grades 5-12) are designed for teachers who want to become a literacy practitioner in one of 3 categories:

- The literacy professional in the classroom (early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, special education, or adult education teacher)
- The specialized reading professional (school or district reading specialist, reading coordinator, or literacy coach)
- The allied professional (related service professional), including AIS and Title 1 teachers

Special Education: The major purpose of the graduate programs in Special Education are to prepare teachers to meet the educational needs of students with mild and moderate disabilities in four areas: Birth-Grade 2, Grades 1-6, Birth-Grade 6, or Grades 7-12. Each of these programs enables teachers to develop the skills necessary to work in self-contained, resource, and inclusive classrooms in both public and private school settings.

C.A.S. in Educational Leadership

The goals and objectives of this certificate program are to prepare school leaders with a repertoire of knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the challenges of school administration. The program builds on previous experience and graduate work. Program candidates must commit to completing 12 months (400 hours) of an internship at a school, school district central office, and community service agency.

Financial Aid

Several forms of financial aid—including the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for New York State residents, Federal Direct Loans, and college work-study awards—are available to qualified graduate students. The college also offers a limited number of scholarships and assistantships. Access the following web page for more information on graduate assistantships: www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate/assistantships/.

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH) is a new federal grant for graduate students who intend to teach in public or private elementary or secondary schools that serve students from low-income families. For information, please go to www.studentaid.ed.gov/.

Part-time employment opportunities exist on campus and in the community. The graduate catalog and application packet have further information about financial aid.

For more information, please email: finaid@plattsburgh.edu.