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

M.S.T. in Childhood and Adolescence Education

The Master of Science for Teachers (M.S.T.) program is for students who wish to become NYS teacher certified through a graduate education program.

The M.S.T. Childhood Education program is a 42-credit hour* program leading to initial New York State certification for Grades 1-6.

The M.S.T. Adolescence Education program is a 42-credit hour* program leading to initial New York State certification for Grades 7-12 in biology, chemistry, Earth science, English, French, mathematics, physics, social studies, or Spanish.

*Applicants may have to complete additional undergraduate courses in their content area and/or undergraduate liberal arts courses prior to matriculation.

M.S.T. Program Benefits

- Switch careers without completing another undergraduate degree.
- Join a program with themes that support development into a competent, qualified, and caring professional.
- Enter into a field where you make a difference in young people’s lives.

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Main and Branch Campuses

The M.S.T. in Childhood and Adolescence Education may be completed at either the SUNY Plattsburgh Main Campus or the Branch Campus in Queensbury.

The 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 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.

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The M.S.T. Programs

The M.S.T. in Childhood and Adolescence Education may be completed either on a part-time or full-time basis. See:
- http://web.plattsburgh.edu/academics/education/adolescence/master.php
- http://web.plattsburgh.edu/academics/education/childhood/master.php

- **Childhood Education (42 hours)**
  - EDU 5110—Child Development for Education Professionals
  - EDU 5130—Assessment in Education
  - EDU 5140—Curriculum Design and Pedagogical Methods I: Grades 1-6
  - EDU 5160—School Culture, Settings, and Systems in the 21st Century
  - EDU 5170—Educational Technology I
  - EDU 5180—Practitioner Research in Education I: Planning Research
  - EDR 501—Intro. to Literacy Instruction
  - EDU 5240—Curriculum Design and Pedagogical Methods II: Grades 1-6
  - EDU 5270—Educational Technology II
  - EDS 543—Inclusive Schools/Communities
  - EDU 5280—Practitioner Research in Education II: Conducting Research
  - EDR 514—Exploring Multicultural Competencies and Literacy Instruction
  - EDT 594—Student Teaching (12 cr.)

- **Adolescence Education (42 hours)**
  - EDU 5120—Adolescent Development for Education Professionals
  - EDU 5130—Assessment in Education
  - EDU 5150—Curriculum Design and Pedagogical Methods: Grades 7-12
  - EDU 5160—School Culture, Settings and Systems in the 21st Century
  - EDU 5170—Educational Technology I
  - EDU 5180—Practitioner Research in Education I: Planning Research
  - EDR 501—Intro. to Literacy Instruction
  - EDU 5250—Curriculum Design and Pedagogical Methods II: Grades 7-12
  - EDU 5270—Educational Technology II
  - EDS 543—Inclusive Schools/Communities
  - EDU 5280—Practitioner Research in Education II: Conducting Research
  - EDR 514—Exploring Multicultural Competencies and Literacy Instruction
  - EDT 594—Student Teaching (12 cr.)

Admission Requirements

- Completed Graduate Study Application Form with required supporting materials;
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Applicants must have a B.A. or B.S. in a major that coincides with SUNY Plattsburgh's undergraduate teacher education programs;
- Minimum undergraduate G.P.A. of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;
- Completed M.S.T. Worksheet available at www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate/forms.php or from the Director of Graduate Advising & Teacher Certification or the Graduate Admissions Office.
- Demonstration of literacy skills and potential for success through a written statement of purpose.
- Three (3) letters of reference indicating the applicant’s ability to pursue graduate study. At least 2 of the letters should be from college faculty.
- Meet all conditions of acceptance into the M.S.T program. Childhood Education applicants must demonstrate completion of six undergraduate credits or equivalents in English, math, and social studies, and seven credits in science with no grade lower than a B.
- A personal health course that fulfills the NYS Health Education requirement;
- Two semesters or equivalent of a college-level foreign language (e.g., Spanish I and Spanish II), (Sign Language I and II permitted);
- Attendance at an on-campus interview, if invited; and
- Availability of program openings.

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.