

About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services

With a 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our student population;
- Flexible study for graduate students, including weekend, accelerated and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.

About the Center of Pedagogy

The Center of Pedagogy is charged with initiating and coordinating all aspects of teacher education. The Center's work is informed by the belief that public education is critical to creating and sustaining a political and social democracy.



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Teacher Education Advocacy Center

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Providing advocacy,
advising, mentoring and
support to future teachers.



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The Teacher Education Advocacy Center (TEAC) strives to enhance the quality of the Teacher Education Program at Montclair State University, particularly by encouraging and supporting the recruitment and preparation of students from minority groups (e.g. linguistic; cultural; racial and/or ethnic) into teaching. Founded in 1998, TEAC promotes the development and implementation of culturally responsive educational programs and academic assistance activities for pre-collegiate, undergraduate and graduate students.

TEAC offers a variety of programs and support services to teacher education students. Full-time advisors are on hand to assess student needs and provide personalized support, academic guidance, mentoring, career networking and financial aid assistance. Other TEAC programs and services include:

Future Educators Association (FEA)

A joint venture with local public schools, Montclair State's Future Educators Association Chapter works with Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal school districts to identify and encourage academically promising students to consider a career in education. The chapter strives to interest students in the field of education early in their school experience and places a strong emphasis on the recruitment of students from diverse ethnic, racial, social and economic backgrounds. FEA sponsors annual on-campus events for middle and high school students and their teachers and helps students gain a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher.

Freshman Cohort Learning Community

The Freshman Cohort is a multicultural learning community for entering students who are considering becoming teachers. Through an annual application process, TEAC identifies up to twenty candidates of varying racial/ethnic backgrounds, academic disciplines, and academic histories to enroll in three classes together—New Student Experience, Psychology, and Freshman Composition. With the assistance of faculty and student mentors, the cohort explores aspects of teacher education related to how students learn and experience diversity, equity, and privilege. The learning community provides an excellent opportunity for students to

get to know each other, form study groups, and discuss their mutual interest in the teaching profession. A TEAC counselor provides ongoing support and advisement and continues to act as a resource to students as they matriculate through the Teacher Education Program.

Community Connection Mentoring Program

The mission of the Community Connection Mentoring Program (CCMP) is to develop in K-12 students the requisite skills, knowledge and dispositions that will enable them to become highly effective students. Montclair State University students serve as mentors who help K-12 students to develop problem solving and critical thinking abilities.

The Multicultural Inclusive Teacher Candidates' Organization (MINTCO)

Members of MINTCO are students from diverse cultures, races, and backgrounds who are pursuing initial teacher certification. MINTCO welcomes all students who have an interest in improving education. The purpose of the organization is to provide both undergraduate and graduate students with a community of learners from whom they can receive support, information, and advice as they progress through the Teacher Education Program. The organization provides a forum for networking with campus and public school faculty to discuss substantive issues in education.

TEAC Grants

A limited number of need-based grants are available through TEAC to teacher education candidates who demonstrate persistence in their programs and who plan to pursue teaching careers in urban school districts. Available only to those who have been accepted into the Teacher Education Program, students may apply for financial assistance to pay for the cost of education (e.g. tuition, room and board, etc.) through the Teacher Education Advocacy Center.

Praxis Review Sessions

PRAXIS review sessions are available free of charge for matriculated students in the Teacher Education Program and Montclair State University alumni. The review session is a three-hour seminar which covers both general test-taking strategies and technical assistance for specific subject areas.

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