

## 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 more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing their bachelor's degree:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate 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 graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, 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.



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College of Education and Human Services  
MAR P-3 Program  
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## Early Childhood Education

### Modified Alternate Route Program



Preparing teachers  
to educate our  
youngest students



College of Education and Human Services

## Preschool through Third Grade Modified Alternate Route Program

The P-3 MAR Program is designed for working teachers who have already earned a bachelor's degree and would like to complete the courses necessary to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE) from the New Jersey Department of Education for preschool through third grade (P-3). Upon the completion of this program and as soon as the teacher is hired as a head or lead teacher, she/he will be able to apply for a provisional and then a standard P-3 certification from the New Jersey Department of Education.

This program includes 17 credits of coursework (six courses) and a clinical observation. Courses are offered at the Montclair State University campus as well as in off-campus locations in South Jersey through Cumberland County College and in Monmouth County at Brookdale Community College. Courses for this program are offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters at all locations.



Montclair State University's P-3 MAR program has been in operation since 1999. We pride ourselves on our excellent student advisement, our availability to answer questions about the process of applying to the NJDOE for certification, and our willingness to assist students with furthering their education by entering a master's degree program. This program offers face to face, hybrid, and online courses.

## Master of Arts in Teaching P-3

After completing the P-3 MAR Program, students wishing to continue their education by earning a master's degree have 2 years to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching P-3 (MAT P-3). Students who complete the P-3 MAR program with an earned GPA of 3.2 or higher do not have to take the GRE exam if they apply for the MAT P-3 within the two year period. If accepted to the master's program, all 17 graduate credits will be applied toward the MAT P-3.



## Eligibility for the P-3 MAR Program

Teachers who are currently employed in Pre-K through 3rd grade classrooms as assistants or lead teachers, or who have promise of employment, are eligible for the P-3 Modified Alternate Route Program at Montclair State University.

Teachers must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university. Teachers must have at least 60 liberal arts credits from their undergraduate or completed graduate degree. To be admitted to the P-3 MAR program, an applicant's undergraduate or completed graduate degree cumulative average must be at least a 2.5. Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative average in the P-3 program in order to receive a letter of completion.

Admitted students are permitted to take up to three classes per semester. This program may be completed in as little as two semesters. Students can also choose to complete the program at a slower pace.

## How to Apply

Please contact the P-3 MAR office at 973-655-7490 to obtain an application. Applications can also be completed online by visiting:

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/ecele/p3.shtml>

In addition to the application for admission, applicants must submit official transcripts, which must be mailed directly from the undergraduate university or college. If you are an international student (received undergraduate degree from outside the United States) you will need to contact World Education Services (WES) at 800-937-3895.

All application materials must be submitted in order for the application to be reviewed and for admission to be granted. Application materials should be mailed to:

Liz Kendall, P-3 MAR Program  
Montclair State University  
University Hall Room 2154  
Montclair, NJ 07043

## For further information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/ecele/p3.shtml>

## Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://montclair.edu/bursar/tuitionandfees/graduate.html>

**Students accepted to the P-3 MAR program will be eligible to apply for financial aid.** To obtain more information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Montclair State University also offers the 24-Hour Pre-Service Course for individuals seeking to apply for the P-3 Certificate of Eligibility. For more information, please call 973-655-7490.