

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 a graduate education:

- 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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Programs

At Montclair State University, a student with a baccalaureate degree may pursue an initial New Jersey teaching certification, and a fully-certified teacher may obtain additional teaching field endorsements or advanced certification.

Graduate students who hold a bachelor's or master's degree and who wish to gain their first teaching certification may choose from two graduate programs: the Post-Baccalaureate Initial Instructional Certification Program (for certification only) or the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, which simultaneously leads to certification and a master's degree.

Content Area Certification

The Initial Instructional Certification program and the Master of Arts in Teaching program require 33-36 credit hours of coursework. The content area program is open to students who wish to teach one of the following content areas in P-12 schools:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- English
- French
- Health Education
- Health and Physical Education
- Italian*
- Latin*
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physical Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Teacher of English as a Second Language

** Post BA Certification only; MAT is not available for this content area*

In addition to the MAT in a Content area, individuals may choose to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)/Teacher of Students with Disabilities program. This is a 48-51-credit program designed to provide graduate students with a master's degree as well as dual certification: initial certification to teach in a content area (P-12) and certification to teach students with disabilities in that content area.

Students who do not have 30 undergraduate or graduate credits in the academic area they wish to teach may need to take prerequisite coursework in that area. This will be determined at the point of admission and communicated to the student by the content area advisor. Students who have not completed prerequisite coursework may take these classes as part of their program.

Early Childhood or Elementary Certification

The Master of Arts in Teaching programs in Early Childhood Education (P-3) or Elementary Education (K-5) require 36 credit hours of coursework. The Initial Instructional Certification programs in Early Childhood Education (P-3) or Elementary Education (K-5) require 24 credit hours of coursework. Students who have not completed prerequisite coursework in public speaking and child development may take these classes as part of their program.

In addition to the MAT in Early Childhood or Elementary Education, individuals may choose to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education and teacher of Students with Disabilities program. This is a 48 credit program designed to provide graduate students with a master's degree as well as dual certification: initial certification to teach P-3 or K-5 and certification to teach students with disabilities in those settings.

Admission Requirements

In selecting students for the graduate initial teaching certification programs, Montclair State University uses criteria that are related to the knowledge, skills, and dispositions we expect graduates to possess. In making decisions regarding acceptance, faculty members consider such criteria as GPA, subject area knowledge, commitment to teaching and its varied responsibilities, and written and oral communication skills.

Candidates for admission to the MAT/Initial Teacher Certification programs must file an Application for Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Admission with the Graduate School, including all supporting materials.

For further information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/cop>

Apply online

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>

Tuition and Fees

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

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate/prospective/tuition.shtml>

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships, and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantships and scholarships may be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>.

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