

## 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.

## Inclusive Early Childhood Education Master of Education Degree Program



Fostering high  
quality education  
for young children  
with and without  
disabilities

## Overview

Inclusive early childhood education (educating young children with and without disabilities together) is the foundation on which the MEd program rests. This program prepares early childhood special educators to work in primary grades, pre-school, or early intervention settings serving children with special needs and their families. Students graduate with a strong foundation in child development, early childhood programs and practices, working with families, collaboration and consultation, and adapting instruction for individual needs.

The master's program provides several advantages to those interested in Inclusive Early Childhood Education:

- The only program in the state that offers an innovative and comprehensive advanced program of study in inclusive early childhood education coupled with the affordability of a public university
- The opportunity to study closely with experienced faculty and staff who are recognized nationally and locally for their expertise in early childhood education, inclusive education, or related disciplines
- Strong emphasis on translating cutting-edge research into exemplary practice
- Multiple opportunities to observe and interact at Montclair State University's state-of-the-art Ben Samuels Children's Center which is noted for its commitment to excellence in inclusive education
- Cross-disciplinary approach to learning about infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary children with and without disabilities, and their families in a variety of educational contexts
- Deepening an understanding of diverse learning and promoting classroom membership and success for all children
- Emphasis on understanding and responding to children's unique learning styles and abilities within family, school, and community contexts

## Program

This 36-credit master's degree program provides experienced practitioners with knowledge and skills to provide high quality early education to children with disabilities from birth to age eight and their families. The following themes are integrated throughout the program:

- Disability as a natural part of diversity
- Equal access and opportunity to high quality education for all children and their families
- Strengthening partnerships with families and community
- Cross-disciplinary collaboration
- Evidenced-based and progressive educational practices
- Students as change agents and critical thinkers
- Early education practices that are culturally responsive and individually determined

Upon completion of the program, students will be well-prepared to serve in a variety of professional roles including as early childhood special educators, home-based early intervention specialists, inclusion facilitators, educational consultants, and teachers of preschool to third grade in public or private schools.



## Admission Requirements

Applicants wishing to matriculate in this program must have a bachelor's degree, a standard New Jersey Early Childhood (P-3) instructional certificate, and evidence of 2-3 years classroom experience working in the field. Applicants holding a K-5 instructional certificate must apply to the state for the P-3 certificate.

## For further information

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

## 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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