

CHILDHOOD AND CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION, MST

Campus: NYC, Westchester

For

Career changers and college graduates who want to teach elementary age children (grades 1-6), but do not have an undergraduate degree in education.

What You Learn

The pedagogical knowledge, skills, and disposition necessary to become a successful classroom teacher, both in general elementary and special education classrooms.

How You Learn

This 47-credit program provides a focused exploration into the organization of schools, the different ways that students learn, and the adaptation of teaching methods to meet the needs of individual students with and without disabilities in inclusive and self-contained settings.

Career Outcomes

After completing the program and passing the New York State Teacher Certification Exams, candidates are eligible for initial teaching certifications in Childhood Education (grades 1–6) and Students with Disabilities (grades 1–6) in New York State.

Prerequisites

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Upon the recommendation of the director of Student Support Services, candidates whose GPA is less than 3.0 may be admitted on a conditional basis, provided that it is determined that the candidate has the necessary knowledge and skills to complete the program successfully.) Childhood-level candidates must have majored in the liberal arts and sciences or its equivalent. All candidates must meet additional liberal arts and sciences course requirements mandated by New York State.

We require the GRE-Graduate Record Examination—General Test. Performance on the GRE will not outweigh the other required criteria in your application.