MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (MSED)  
in Early Childhood Education (Birth – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade)  
\textit{for degree candidates who hold Initial Certification in another licensing area}

This 39-credit degree program serves those seeking to teach or work with young children from birth through age 8 and their families. This includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler settings, pre-schools, public and private pre-kindergartens through 2\textsuperscript{nd} grades, as well as community agencies.

Bi-lingual and Special Education Extension certificates are available through additional coursework.

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\textit{Entrance requirements}  Acceptance depends upon a B.A. or B.S. in education from an accredited institution, a 3.0 GPA or its equivalent, a written essay, and two recommendations. Proof of teacher certification in a licensure area is also required.

\textit{Full-time option}  Candidates take 12 credits in each fall or spring semester before the final one, plus 3 credits in the summer. In the last semester, candidates take 9 credits, which include EECE.730/Practicum (3 credits).
Part-time option  Candidates take 6 credits in each fall or spring semester before the final one, plus 3 credits in the summer. In the last semester, candidates take 9 credits, which include EECE.730/Practicum (3 credits).

Field requirement  All courses carry a field experience requirement, totaling 50 hours minimum prior to taking EECE 730/Practicum. The Practicum is equal to 6 weeks or 30 full days in the field.

Degree candidates who have received B-2 certification through New York State’s Individual Evaluation Pathway may apply to substitute an elective for EECE/730Practicum. See advisor for details.

Schedule  Courses are taught in pairs during the week. The first course begins at 4:30. The second begins at 7:10. Some courses are offered in the hybrid format, meaning a percentage of class time takes place online.

Entry.  Degree candidates enter in the fall semester only.

Certification  Degree candidates are recommended for certification upon completion of the program.

Required courses
EECE.703 Classroom Realities in Diverse Settings*
EECE.710 Ecological Perspectives on Development: Early Years
EECE.721 Professional Issues in Early Childhood Education
EECE.722 Language Learning in Cross-Cultural Perspectives
EECE.724 Curriculum and Environmental Design I
EECE.725 Curriculum and Environmental Design II
EECE.728 Integrating Expressive Arts
EECE.737 Infants and Toddlers: Curriculum and Teaching
EECE.750 Modern Learning Technologies
EECE.780 Introduction to Educational Research
EECE.782 Inquiry into Teaching: Thesis
EECE.730 Practicum
Elective**
*See advisor for acceptable substitutions.
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