MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (MSED)
in Early Childhood Education (Birth – 2nd Grade)
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 2nd grades, as well as community agencies.

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

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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.

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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