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 more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education:
• Outstanding and innovative programs in the education and human services field with nationally recognized faculty and accreditation
• Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our student population
• Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options for graduate students
• 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.

ABOUT THE CENTER OF PEDAGOGY
The Center of Pedagogy is charged with initiating and coordinating all aspects of teacher education. The Center’s work is informed by the belief that public education is critical to creating and sustaining a political and social democracy.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
TEACHING CERTIFICATION
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
Preparing outstanding teachers for New Jersey’s public schools
OVERVIEW
Montclair State University’s Teacher Education Program is one of the most highly regarded teacher preparation programs in the country. It has been consistently recognized both nationally and regionally for its unique features, including its curricular emphases, the Center of Pedagogy, as well as partnerships with schools and communities. The program is considered a model for other colleges and universities and has continuously been accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954.

We are dedicated to preparing knowledgeable and committed teachers who develop a set of strong commitments to equity and diversity, critical thinking, social responsibility and critical reflection. The Teacher Education Program’s course sequence and field experiences emphasize deep content knowledge, teaching for critical thinking and culturally responsive teaching. The professional component for undergraduate students addresses four broad areas: 1) student development and learning 2) the curriculum 3) the classroom and the school and 4) effective teaching skills.

Students in subject area certification programs (everything except Early Childhood and Elementary) work toward certification that is valid for grades P-12. Dance, Art, Music and Physical Education/Health students may wish to teach in any of these grade levels, but students in the other subject areas (e.g., English, Social Studies) usually intend to teach a specific subject in grade 5 or higher.

Students in the Early Childhood Program work toward certification for pre-kindergarten through grade 3 (P-3). Students in the Elementary Program work toward certification for grades kindergarten through grade 6 (K-6). Early Childhood and Elementary candidates usually intend to teach all or most academic subjects for one class of students.

Students in the Dual Degree/Dual Certification Inclusive Education Program (DD/DC) work toward certification in a content area (P-3, K-6 or subject area) AND Teacher of Students with Disabilities. Students in this program earn a bachelor’s degree in the major and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The admission process is separate from admission to the University. Only students who have been admitted to Montclair State University are eligible to apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program, which usually occurs during the second semester of the sophomore year or first semester of the junior year.

In selecting students for the initial teacher certification programs, Montclair State University uses criteria that are related to the knowledge, skills and dispositions we expect graduates to possess, and which are embodied in the Portrait of a Teacher. In making decisions about admission to the Program, faculty use the Portrait as a guide and consider criteria such as GPA, subject area knowledge, commitment to teaching and its varied responsibilities, and written and oral communication skills. The Portrait is used for ongoing assessment of students as they progress through the Teacher Education Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Montclair State University undergraduate students who are applying to the Teacher Education Program are required to submit a paper application and successfully complete the Core Academic Skills for Educators Praxis I exam, unless they have passed the SAT, ACT or the PPST Praxis I.

Deadlines are as follows:
• The second Monday in September (single certification programs only)
• The fourth Monday in January (single certification programs and DD/DC programs)

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TUITION AND FEES
Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at: montclair.edu/student-accounts/tuition-and-fees/graduate-costs
Montclair State University offers financial aid and scholarships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.