Get a competitive edge with the Online Graduate Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education. The program focuses on working with students who demonstrate exceptional performance in intellectual, creative or artistic areas as well as students who may benefit from specialized instruction and activities. The program will prepare you to work with gifted and talented children in a variety of settings such as public and private schools, cultural institutions, community settings, and weekend and summer programs. This fully online 9-credit, 3-course program is designed to be completed in as little as six months.

The certificate will teach you to:

• Employ rigorous techniques for identifying gifted and talented learners
• Differentiate instruction to meet the specific needs of gifted and talented learners
• Create instructional contexts and activities that promote creative problem solving and critical thinking skills
• Plan, develop, implement and maintain a gifted and talented program in schools or community settings
• Assess gifted and talented students’ learning and evaluate the efficacy and impact of gifted and talented programs
• Conceptualize gifted and talented education in intellectual and academic areas, as well as creative, artistic and other endeavors
• Work in partnership with the parents and family of gifted and talented learners

Career opportunities include:

• Teacher or instructor of gifted and talented children in a variety of content areas, including science, math, humanities, language arts, technology and engineering, and visual, musical and performing arts
• Director of a gifted and talented program
• Program administrator-coordinator
• Educational support personnel
• Program assessment and evaluation specialist
• Tutor of gifted and talented students
• Curriculum specialist
• Intervention specialist for gifted and talented students
• Gifted and talented enrichment consultant

In addition to positions that are active during the regular school year, many gifted and talented programs are administered during the summer and winter months as well as during weekends.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Each of the three courses will be offered once per academic term (fall, spring and summer) and may be taken in any order, giving you flexibility in scheduling your coursework.

The courses associated with the program are:

• EDFD 510 Creativity, Imagination, and Critical Thinking
• EDFD 515 Foundations of Gifted and Talented Education
• EDFD 575 Curriculum and Methods of Gifted and Talented Education

Learn more at http://www.montclair.edu/online/online-programs/gifted-talented-cert/

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