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 undergraduate or graduate degree:

- Outstanding and innovative academic programs in the education and human services fields 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;
- 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.

Dual Degree/Dual Certification Inclusive Education Programs

- P-3 and Special Education
- K-5 and Special Education
- Subject Area and Special Education
Overview
In today’s schools, students with disabilities often attend classes alongside peers who do not have disabilities. In fact, 50% of students who are identified with disabilities receive individualized instruction within the general education classroom. Now, more than ever, highly prepared inclusive educators are needed to transform New Jersey’s schools.

The Dual Degree/Dual Certification Inclusive Education Programs allow students to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree with teacher certification in general education and special education. Programs are available in P-3 and special education, K-5 and special education, or a subject area and special education. Programs are designed to be consistent with the best practice of educating children with disabilities in inclusive environments rather than segregating them into separate classrooms or schools. Students will develop competencies needed to teach students who have disabilities along with those who do not.

Students complete general education and major requirements and an initial set of coursework in education as undergraduates. As graduate students, they complete the coursework in education and conduct their fieldwork and student teaching. The teacher certification courses in general education (P-3, K-5, or subject area) are integrated to constitute a dual-certification curriculum. Program completion requires at least a 5-year commitment, including one summer.

Program Philosophy
The Montclair State University community is committed to the development of inclusive educators whose work is guided by the following principles and practices:

- Differences between human beings are a natural and valued part of diversity
- Inclusive practices support and are highly responsive to this diversity
- Belonging and membership are emphasized in the classroom, school, home, community, and society
- Professionals, families, and students learn with and from one another within the school community
- Meaningful and individualized participation and achievement of all students are shared outcomes
- Inclusive education is part of a wider strategy to promote an inclusive society

Admission Requirements
Applicants must have sophomore or higher standing and be current Montclair State University students. In selecting students for the Dual Degree/Dual Certification Inclusive Education Programs, faculty members use criteria that are related to the knowledge, skills, and dispositions we expect graduates to possess. In making decisions regarding acceptance, faculty members consider such criteria as GPA (minimum of 3.25 overall and 3.25 in major), subject area knowledge, commitment to teaching students with and without disabilities, and written and oral communication skills. Please note that a variety of factors are considered when determining admission to the Dual Degree/Dual Certification Inclusive Education Programs and candidates are admitted who demonstrate the best potential in all areas.

Given the highly selective nature of the programs, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Students admitted to the teacher education program must continue to meet all program requirements in order to move into the master’s degree phase of the program.

Applications are accepted once each year. To complete the application online, visit:
http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/cop/

For Further Information
For a full list of prerequisite coursework, admissions requirements for each program, or additional information, please visit http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/cop/

Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid
Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:
http://www.montclair.edu/bursar/

Montclair State University offers financial aid and scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

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