At Montclair State University, students who seek to obtain a bachelor’s degree and teacher certification must declare a major and select one of three certification areas: Early Childhood (Preschool – Grade 3); Elementary (Kindergarten – Grade 6); or Secondary Education (Preschool – Grade 12). Students interested in obtaining a certification to teach students with disabilities (inclusive education) may apply for the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Program with Dual Certification in Teacher of Students with Disabilities. Graduates of the Combined Bachelor’s/Masters’ Program earn certifications in one of the initial certification areas (P-3, K-6 or a P-12) and Teacher of Students with Disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria

Requirements for the Teacher Education Program may vary by certification or degree program; however, for full consideration, all applicants must show evidence of the following:

- Passing standardized test score (SAT, ACT or Praxis Core)
- Meeting overall GPA of 3.0 for applicants to a single certification program or 3.25 for applicants to the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Program with Dual Certification
- Meeting the minimum GPA in the respective major. To view major GPA requirements, see certification program handouts
- Meeting prerequisite course requirements
- Demonstrating evidence of satisfactory written and oral skills

Students whose GPA is 0.25 points below the overall or major GPA requirement may apply as a supplemental candidate.

How to Apply

Interested students may apply by visiting the Teacher Education Program website and submitting an online application located at, https://www.montclair.edu/center-of-pedagogy/application/. Applications are considered complete and ready for review when all of the following materials are submitted on or before the application deadline:

- Completed Application
- Unofficial transcript from Montclair State University
- Copy of official passing test score for SAT, ACT or Praxis Core
- One (1) name and corresponding email of a faculty member to serve as a professional reference
- Admissions Essay(s)
- Resume

Application Deadline

- Fall is September 15 (Single Certification only)
- Spring is February 1 (Single Certification and only time Combined Bachelor’s Master’s candidates can apply)

Admissions Process

After the submission and evaluation of the completed application for admissions, qualified applicants are required to submit an impromptu writing sample and participate in an admissions interview(s) with faculty. Admissions decisions generally are made within 6 to 8 weeks of the application deadline. Applicants are notified electronically via the online application portal.

Questions

For questions about the application process for the Teacher Education Program, please email teadmissions@montclair.edu or visit The Office of Teacher Education Admissions, Recruitment, and Diversity in University Hall, Suite 1180.

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