# TEACHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

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:

- Meeting GPA Requirements:
  - cumulative 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 (see certification program handout)
- Satisfying 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, <a href="https://www.montclair.edu/center-of-pedagogy/application/">https://www.montclair.edu/center-of-pedagogy/application/</a>.

Applications are considered complete and ready for review when all of the following materials are submitted on or before the application deadline:

- Completed Teacher Education Admissions Application
- Current Unofficial transcript from Montclair State University
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Admissions Essay(s)
- Current Resume

#### **Application Deadline**

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

#### **Admissions Process**

After the submission and evaluation of the completed application for admissions, qualified applicants are required to:

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 <u>teadmissions@montclair.edu</u> or visit us in University Hall, Suite 3102.

You may also contact our Teacher Education Admissions team members:

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# Book an appointment

- MSU students: through Navigate within NEST
- Non-MSU students: cheresejackson.youcanbook.me

## The Graduate School

For information on graduate programs, visit The Graduate School website at <a href="http://www.montclair.edu/graduate">http://www.montclair.edu/graduate</a>





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