EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (M.S.T., ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE)

45 credits
NYSED 25485/25488

The master’s degree program in early childhood/early childhood special education is an integrated, dual-certificate program that leads to endorsement for New York State teacher certification as an early childhood teacher and as a teacher of children with disabilities in early childhood education (birth–grade two). This program offers coursework in child development, curriculum and assessment, children's literature, teaching exceptional children, frameworks for educating young children including reading and writing, play, culturally and linguistically diverse learners, multi-language learners, observing and document children's learning, and effective instructional practices for young children, current issues and trends, and field experiences for student teaching. This program provides a beginning teacher with the knowledge and skills needed to be a highly effective early childhood teacher. Student teaching experience is required in regular and special education settings over two semesters. This program is approved by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children).