

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Undergraduate Programs

Early Childhood Education and Special Education (Birth–Grade 2)

Childhood Education and Special Education (Grades 1-6)

NYU Steinhardt's Early Childhood and Childhood Education programs prepare teachers who recognize the capacities, strengths, and needs of all children and their families in urban settings. We prepare our students to teach all learners. Field experiences help students understand their role as agents of change in working towards equity and democracy in schools. Our goal is to prepare effective and confident teachers who use theory and research to continually refine their teaching practices in order to contribute to a more just society.

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What Can You Expect from These Majors?

- A strong foundation in the liberal arts
- A deep understanding of and commitment to urban schools
- A supportive learning community
- An integrated curriculum grounded in a profound appreciation of children's growth and development
- Mastery of the core content of elementary education: mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts
- Wide-ranging experiences in public and private schools, preschools, and community centers to help you become familiar with the different settings in which children learn
- Four semesters of practice teaching closely supervised by faculty and master educators in a network of host schools
- Opportunities to study abroad at NYU's ten global centers
- A research-based departmental honors program
- Eligibility for dual teacher certification in New York State and throughout the country

What are the Advantages of Dual Certification?

Today's teachers must be prepared to work with children who have many different learning needs, challenges, and styles.

Both programs prepare you for two types of teacher certification:

- as a special education teacher and
- as an early childhood or childhood education teacher.

Dual certification will enhance your job prospects by enabling you to teach in different settings, including:

- a general education classroom
- an inclusive classroom or environment in which children with special needs, such as dyslexia or a speech impediment, learn alongside children without such needs, or
- self-contained special education settings, such as classrooms, homes, hospitals, and group residences.

Liberal Arts Courses

- Conversations of the West
- World Cultures
- Writing the Essay, Advanced College Essay
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Society and Social Sciences
- Expressive Cultures
- Liberal Arts Concentration by Advisement

Foundational Courses in Education

- New Student Seminar
- Inquiries into Teaching and Learning
- Human Development
- Introduction to Early Childhood/Childhood and Special Education
- Language Acquisition and Literacy
- Learning and Experience in Family, School and Community
- Foundations of Special Education
- Social Responsibilities of Teachers

Educational Methods and Applications

- Integrated Curricula: Math and Mathematical Concepts; Science; Social Studies; Drama, Music, and Art
- Language and Reading Instruction
- Instructional Strategies for Supporting Diverse Learners
- Teaching Children with Mild to Moderate and with Severe and Multiple Disabilities
- The Role of the Professional in Early Childhood/Childhood Special Education
- Classroom Assessment
- Field Observations
- Student Teaching in General and Special Education Classrooms

What Career Opportunities Will You Have?

Graduates of our programs also move on to related fields and graduate programs where the skills of teaching in childhood, early childhood, and special education are valuable assets. Teaching opens the door to many opportunities in leadership and advocacy.

Our graduates have obtained such positions as:

- Head teacher or team teacher
- Resource room teacher
- Inclusion coordinator
- Head Start director
- Social service agency caseworker
- Children's book editor
- Corporate employee trainer
- Children's television producer
- Counselor
- Librarian
- Assistant Principal
- School psychologist
- Curriculum specialist
- Staff developer

Additional Learning and Leadership Opportunities

- Spend a semester or summer in London, Tel Aviv, Puebla, Ghana, Shanghai or in one of five other NYU sites to broaden your understanding of other cultures
- Participate in the Dean's Research Travel Colloquium – a school-wide honors seminar that includes international travel
- Strengthen your research skills and write a senior thesis through our optional departmental honors program
- Volunteer in an extensive array of community service opportunities related to education, including America Reads and America Counts, a Steinhardt-sponsored tutoring program in public schools throughout the city
- Take the lead in our Future Educators Club, Special Education Club, or Undergraduate Student Government
- Become a student member of the national professional association in your subject area
- Join Kappa Delta Pi, the education honors society

How to Apply

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application to access the application or contact the NYU Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 212 998 4500.

Application Deadlines:

Freshmen: January 1 for regular fall admission or November 1 for early decision.

Transfers: April 1 for fall admission; November 1 for spring admission.

Further Information

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