



DIVISION OF EDUCATION

Adolescence Education

NYS Teaching Certification with selected academic major

Teaching candidates successfully attain the required knowledge bases through a carefully-planned sequence of courses taught by veteran teacher-researchers, and build on these with individual or course-embedded fieldwork.



Adolescence Education at the Mount

Along with general education courses and an academic major, the Division of Education prepares students to complete academic requirements for initial New York State certification in the areas listed below:

- Adolescence Education, grades 7-12
- Dual Adolescence Education and Students with Disabilities
- Adolescence Education with Middle School Extension (grades 5-6)

The programs in Adolescence Education prepare teacher candidates to teach Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, and Social Studies to students in grades 7-12. Our programs are structured to provide teacher candidates with the principles for engaging teaching and learning in the content areas.

Students studying for certification are advised by faculty in the Education division, as well as an advisor in their academic major.

Students seeking certification in Biology, Chemistry, English, and Mathematics must complete the major as listed in the catalog.

Students seeking certification in Social Studies complete a 30-credit History major, with additional history requirements, to teach Social Studies.

Candidates for a Middle School Extension will take additional coursework preparing them to teach in grades 5 and 6.

Career Options

According to the New York State Education Department, the areas of need in teaching are in Teaching Students with Disabilities, Mathematics, Sciences, languages other than English, and Technology. The Mount's teacher candidates have taught in more than 50 school districts and in New York City public schools.

“I chose teaching because I want to help children reach their full potential. I want to make a difference. Mount Saint Mary College has given me the skill set that I need to complement my passion for teaching.”

Mark Botta
Chester, New York



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What you will study

A sampling of courses

- Basics of Literacy Instruction
 - Teaching with Technology
 - Introduction to Instruction and Assessment for Adolescence Education
 - Social Studies/English/Science/Mathematic Methods
 - Curriculum and Assessment in Grades 7 - 12
 - Theories, Research, and Application of Adolescent Development
 - Curriculum and Methods for Adolescence Education
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Hands on Experience

Fieldwork and Student Teaching

Students complete 100 hours of course-related, supervised fieldwork before student teaching. Students pursuing Dual Certification complete 150 hours, while students pursuing a Middle School Extension complete 100 hours before student teaching, plus a 3-credit practicum after student teaching.

Students complete a semester of full-time student teaching as arranged and supervised by the Mount, within 25 miles of the College. Each student has two placements during the semester (7-9 and 10-12 for Adolescence programs). Students pursuing the Dual Certification will complete one placement in Teaching Students with Disabilities.

All certification courses are completed before student teaching, unless otherwise indicated or approved by an advisor. Students pursuing Adolescence certification are also required to complete at least 30 credits in the content area before student teaching.

Candidates are recommended for certification to New York State after they have completed program requirements and teacher certification examinations required by the New York State Education Department.

Accreditation

National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), International Reading Association (IRA), National Council of Social Studies (NCSS), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

5-Year Program

Students now have the opportunity to obtain both a bachelor's and master's in just five years through the Mount. Candidates can choose to obtain a bachelor of arts in Biology, Chemistry, English, History, or Math and a master of science in Adolescence Education in addition to NYS Teaching Certification.



“We are at a critical point in education in the U.S. Within the next 5 years, one third of all public school teachers will retire because of their age, leaving a huge shortage of qualified teachers. There will be jobs for those who have the skills, will, and passion to teach.”

Frances Spielhagen
Professor of Education

Questions?

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