Five Year B.S./M.S. Teacher Education Program

The Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Dual Degree Program is an academic program that allows students interested in the teaching profession to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree at an accelerated pace. Upon completion of this accelerated bachelor's-master's program, students who major as undergraduates in psychology or behavioral science may receive teacher certification in childhood or early childhood education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Recognized by national accrediting bodies:

Early Childhood Education: Recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children – NAEYC Childhood Education: Recognized by the Association of Childhood Education International – ACEI

- Small classroom ratios
- Combination of theoretical and practical work with fieldwork experiences in most courses
The early years of a child’s education provide important formative experiences that serve as the basis of their future endeavors. At Mercy College, we believe a good teacher is a critical piece of this educational and social foundation. If this is also what you believe, and you’re passionate about education, the Department of Childhood Education at Mercy is perfect for you. Here, we prepare teachers to meet the needs of young children during these crucial years, from birth to grade 6.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD & CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FAST FACTS**

- Due to the adoption of universal pre-kindergarten, there is a demand for certified pre-kindergarten teachers in New York.
- Recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), as a program that prepares teacher to meet the demands for developmentally appropriate, high-quality early childhood education, including in universal pre-kindergarten programs.
- If you are already certified in another area, you can obtain your birth-grade 2 certification by taking only a few courses.
- Flexible, with fully online programs and campuses in Dobbs Ferry, Yorktown, Manhattan and the Bronx.

**M.S. in Early Childhood Education Birth - Grade 2**

This 39-credit program prepares graduates to work with children from birth-grade 2. Universal pre-kindergarten programs, as well as other programs, require that preschool teachers have birth-second grade certification. The Mercy College program has high standards for content quality and appropriate clinical practice; and is recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Graduates are prepared for New York State Teacher Certification, usually within two years.

**M.S. in Childhood Education Grades 1-6**

Our M.S. in Childhood education prepares graduates for teaching positions in elementary schools to teach children in grades 1 through 6. Our program is recognized by the Association of Childhood Education International, which indicates our program prepares teachers to meet the high standards for content knowledge and effective pedagogical practices. The program is 39 credits and graduates are prepared for New York State Teacher Certification, usually within two years.

**New York State Teacher Certification**

Graduates of our Early Childhood and Childhood education programs are prepared for New York State Teacher Certification. Dual and triple certifications are available, and often students just need to take one to three additional courses. Additional certifications open students up to more teaching opportunities. To learn more about teacher certifications, visit, https://www.mercy.edu/education/certification-procedures.