GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is a way to gauge preparedness for graduate school. You need to take the GRE exam for admission into any New York State school you apply to for a graduate degree in education. But don’t worry, the GRE General Test is designed to help you shine! You can skip questions within a section and go back and change your answers. You even get to decide what section to take first. After the test, you decide if you want to send your scores to schools, or if you want to re-take the test. Either way, you’re in total control!

The test has three sections: verbal reasoning (analyze and evaluate written material), quantitative reasoning (problem-solving ability using basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis) and analytical writing (critical thinking and analytical writing skills). The exam is taken on a computer, and you can download free practice software to help you familiarize yourself with the exam and prepare for test day.

Visit www.ets.org to download the free PowerPrep II software (which includes a practice exam) and to find other study tips and strategies to help you put your best foot forward on exam day.

REMEMBER – the GRE is just one component of your overall application

Mercy College is here to help you along your GRE path. We offer assistance to help you do your best on the GRE such as GRE workshops that are offered both on the weekend and during the week at our Dobbs Ferry, Bronx and Manhattan Campuses.
There is no better time to earn your early childhood teaching degree than now. With programs such as universal pre-K, and the continued emphasis on the importance of early childhood education, there are more jobs and teaching opportunities being created for early childhood educators. Early childhood teacher jobs are expected to increase through 2024.*

*According the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY (ADOLESCENCE) EDUCATION

The Department of Secondary (Adolescence) Education prepares teachers to meet the needs of children during their middle school and high school years as they transition from childhood and adolescence toward taking their place in the world as young adults.

CONCENTRATIONS:
- ENGLISH (GRADES 7-12)
- MATHEMATICS (GRADES 7-12)
- SCIENCE: BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY OR PHYSICS (GRADES 7-12)
- SOCIAL STUDIES (GRADES 7-12)

FAST FACTS

Combination of theoretical and practical with fieldwork experiences in most courses.
Differentiated courses for pre-service and full-time teachers seeking the master's degree and/or certification.
Rich classroom-based clinical experience with expert mentoring and supervision.
Ability to pursue additional certificates: Middle Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities.
THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERACY AND MULTILINGUAL STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE OR ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING LITERACY, BIRTH–GRADE 12
This master's degree program is designed for teachers seeking a professional level in the teaching certificate they already hold. Candidates acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to meet the needs of children in urban and suburban settings. An advanced certificate (15 credits) is also available for teachers with existing certification.

MASTER OF SCIENCE OR ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)
TESOL is growing and will provide candidates with multiple opportunities for professional advancement. The Master of Science in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages degree will also lead to an initial or professional teaching certification in TESOL in New York State. An advanced certificate (12 credits) is available for teachers with existing certification.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION EXTENSION CERTIFICATE
For teachers who are proficient in languages other than English, our Bilingual Education Program is a great way to advance knowledge and pedagogical skills in working with English Language Learners in a bilingual setting.

FAST FACTS
- Necessary training for professional certification
- Student-focused literacy programs provided
- Faculty guidance and support available to all students
- Advanced and extension certificates available

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATORS
With our classrooms and communities becoming more diverse, there is a high demand for literacy, TESOL and bilingual educators. According to TESOL.org, New York is in high need of qualified TESOL and bilingual teachers, both in public schools and adult education.

Our programs are nationally recognized and accredited by the International Reading Association (IRA) and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER
Graduate students who are responding to the critical national need for literacy teachers, coaches and educators of English as a second language are also positioning themselves for career advancement.

Their master's degree, new certifications or specialized training can enhance their standing as curriculum leaders and provide new professional options in the future.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Master of Science in Educational Supervision program prepares students with the knowledge, skills and professional dispositions they need to successfully lead schools, raise academic achievement, and improve teaching and learning.

FAST FACTS
- The Educational Supervision Master’s program prepares students with the skills to pursue positions such as school principal, supervisor, department administrator, assistant principal or coordinator.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISION
Graduates of the program learn skills, such as implementing effective management of school operations and resources, evaluating and modifying programs and procedures within the school system, and understanding responding to and influencing the larger social, legal and economic trends impacting the school.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
The 36-credit Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration will lead to certifications in both School Building Leadership and School District Leadership. Graduates will be qualified to serve at the building or district level as principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent, executive director, staff developer, curriculum supervisor, and in other multi-building supervisory positions in public and private education.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
The Advanced Certificate in School District Leadership enables qualified applicants who have earned a Master of Science in Educational Supervision to extend the certificate to School District Leadership.

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COURSEWORK IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Learn about the diverse needs of students and how to provide effective, evidence-based instruction incorporating inclusionary practices, differentiation and individualization.

COURSEWORK IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Mercy College also offers coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis. Behavior analysts are often employed in a variety of treatment, education and rehabilitation settings including: autism, behavior and learning disorders, developmental disabilities, parent and child interactions, child abuse and neglect, and behavioral safety.

FAST FACTS

- Candidates may earn one of two degrees: a 42-credit Master of Science in Special Education which leads to dual certification in two areas in special education: birth through grade 2 and grades 1-6. Candidates also have the option of earning a 48-credit Master of Science in Special Education which leads to tri-certification in three areas: two in special education and one in early childhood education.
- Candidates may apply as non-degree teacher certification students and receive an extension to their certification in the area of special education.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

As the student population in American schools has become increasingly diverse, American educators have responded with efforts that meet the needs of all students. This has changed the landscape of education in the United States and Mercy College has responded to the call. We have two intensive degree programs that require expert teachers to teach in an inclusive manner sensitive to all aspects of diversity, race, gender-culture and disabilities.
The Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science Dual Degree Programs are unique academic programs that allows candidates interested in the teaching profession to earn both a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree at an accelerated pace.

Upon completion of the master’s program, candidates who major as undergraduates in psychology or behavioral science may earn teacher certification in childhood or early childhood education. Candidates who major as undergraduates in English, biology, mathematics or history may earn teacher certification in secondary education.
INCREASE YOUR SALARY INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

You can add about $6,400 to your annual salary when you add a master’s degree on top of your bachelor’s degree.

30 additional credits on top of your bachelor’s and master’s enables you to earn an extra $39,068 over a 20-year career.*

*An approximation as pay scales differ from school system to school system. Information from NYC Department of Education Salary Schedule May 2016

NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Graduates of most of our education programs are prepared for New York State Teacher Certification. Dual and triple certifications, which open more teaching opportunities, are also available. Often students just need to take one to three additional courses to fulfill these multiple certification requirements.

To learn more about teacher certifications, visit www.mercy.edu/education/certification-procedures.

NON-CERTIFICATION DEGREE OPTION

Candidates may pursue a 30-credit program leading to a Master of Science in Educational Studies with concentrations in Early Education, Secondary Education, or Literacy. This option is ideal for students who are not interested in obtaining New York State teaching certification.

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Add $6,400 to your ANNUAL SALARY

Earn an extra $39,068 over TWENTY YEARS

Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree

$100,000

$80,000

$60,000

$40,000

$20,000

$0

5 yrs 10 yrs 15 yrs 20 yrs

Master’s +60 Credits, including Master’s Bachelor’s, Master’s and 30 additional Credits
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

MERCY COLLEGE IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION in the United States to be awarded initial national accreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and its successor organization, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

In addition, all of our education programs are nationally recognized by their professional associations. These accreditations provide evidence that the School of Education represents the highest standards for the preparation of teachers and other school professionals and that our faculty has outstanding qualifications in scholarship, research, content and pedagogy.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for all programs that lead to a NYS certification.

M.S. PROGRAMS

Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree with a 3.0 GPA or higher and prerequisite course work with a minimum of a C average in the following:

- Mathematical processes: 6 credits
- Scientific processes: 6 credits
- Historical and Social Sciences: 6 credits
- Artistic expression: 3 credits
- Information retrieval: 3 credits
- Language other than English: 3 credits
- Communications/Humanities/ Written analysis & expression: 3 credits

MS PROGRAMS

Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree in the subject area they wish to teach, a 30 credit major or equivalent in liberal arts.

TEACHING LITERACY

Hold a teaching certificate in another area.

TESOL

12 credits of same foreign language, a course in child development or developmental psychology is required.

EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISION

Initial or professional teacher or pupil personnel certification, two years of paid teaching or specialty area experience.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

2 years teaching experience.

All applicants for master’s degree programs leading to certification must submit GRE scores for the Quantitative Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning and Writing subtests.