Early Childhood Education Master of Science Programs

Program Description
• 36-credit Field Change Program – for students with a baccalaureate degree and initial or provisional certification, including K-6, childhood education, or an educational field other than early childhood
• 42-credit Career Change Program – for change-of-career students with a baccalaureate degree in an area other than education

Career Possibilities
• With early childhood certification, students are qualified to teach pre-K through second grade
• Provides an excellent foundation for students interested in securing an administrative position at an early childhood center or museum

What Makes St. John’s Program Unique?
• Our study of education theory and pedagogy is based on the latest research on how children learn and specifically designed to provide a high quality, developmentally appropriate curriculum for all children—a program that fosters self-esteem, confidence, and a love of learning
• Graduates are prepared to build a classroom environment that works in collaboration with families to teach children with varying capacities
• Advocates for high-quality care for all children through the development of strong relationships with schools, families, and communities
• Helps teachers become teacher-researchers and reflective practitioners
• Engages teachers in in-depth study of how children develop at different stages according to their age, individual characteristics, and culture
• Prepares teachers to sensitively interact with a diverse population
• Develops an understanding of both content knowledge and pedagogical knowledge
• Engages professionals in collaborative work that is interdisciplinary and inquiry-based

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Location Availability
Queens

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• According to the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE), “St. John’s graduates were rated highest in retention, the percentage of teachers still employed in the NYC DOE three years after hire; were second-best in tenure approval; had the lowest percentage receiving ‘unsatisfactory’ ratings their first year; and 91 percent of its teacher graduates were rated ‘highly effective’ or ‘effective’ as reflected in student growth scores on fourth-through eighth-grade math and English tests”

• U.S. News and World Report recently ranked the Graduate School of Education as the “Best Online Graduate Education Program”

• As of 2014, U.S. News and World Report ranked St. John’s graduate program in education the fifth-highest out of 166 graduate online programs evaluated across the nation

Internship/Placement Opportunities
• St. John’s has established partnerships with many Catholic, public, and private schools, creating invaluable job and internship opportunities throughout the New York area

Other Program Benefits
• Students are encouraged to become members of a prestigious international professional organization for teachers through our affiliation with the New York Chapter of the Association for Childhood Education International (NYC-ACEI)

• St. John’s offers Global Studies programs in early childhood education in Italy and France

• Graduates are often offered full-time positions at schools where they perform their required field hours

• St. John’s relationships with New York area principals and directors frequently result in job opportunities

• St. John’s offers dual programs in early childhood and special education