Childhood Education Master of Science Programs (1–6)

Childhood Education 1–6 (M.S.Ed.)
- Continuing Education Program (33 credits)
  This program is intended for students who wish to pursue a master's degree in the same academic area as their initial certification.
- Field Change (33 credits)
  This program is designed for students who have received or have qualified for an initial certification other than childhood education.
- Career Change (42 credits for the master’s degree, plus deficiencies, if required for New York State certification)
  This program is designed for students whose academic background is outside the field of education.

Benefits of Program
The Department of Curriculum and Instruction provides three programs of study related to childhood education that encompass a range of teaching and learning experiences through relevant pedagogical methods and a broad knowledge of strategies. Each of the programs leads to a Master of Science in Education degree.

What Makes St. John’s Program Unique?
- We seek to empower diverse learners to
  - work in a variety of settings with children of differing abilities and backgrounds and
  - develop flexible strategies for fostering children’s understanding of different symbol systems.
- We aim to foster rational, spirited inquiry in order that our graduates
  - help children actively investigate the world around them, construct their own knowledge, and acquire skills consistent with state learning standards;
  - develop their own initiative and a disposition towards curiosity and inquiry as a model for the children they teach; and
  - understand and assess research that impacts practice.
- We address issues of poverty and social injustice toward
  - encouraging a sense of caring community;
  - implementing antibias curricula;
  - advocating for children and their families
  - collaborating and communicating effectively with coworkers, administrators, parents, and community agencies; and
  - tackling the challenges of urban education.
• We build competencies of leadership and service in a technologically advanced global community by
  o learning how to effectively integrate technology into classroom curricula and
  o communicating and interacting with other educators and peers online.

According to the New York City Department of Education (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 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.”

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

What’s in It for Me?
• 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.
• St. John’s offers global studies programs in 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.

Internships/Placement
St. John’s has established partnerships with many Catholic, public, and private schools, creating invaluable job and internship opportunities throughout the New York area. University Career Services provides assistance to candidates as they seek to identify opportunities for advancement.