



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

# 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
  - We prepare students to be effective, caring, and competent teachers so that they can facilitate children from diverse backgrounds
- We aim to foster rational, spirited inquiry. Our graduates
  - Help children actively investigate the world construct their own knowledge, and acquire skills consistent with state learning standards
  - Develop their own initiative and a disposition toward curiosity and inquiry as a model for the children they teach
  - Understand and assess research that impacts practice
- To address issues of poverty and social injustice, our students
  - Encourage a sense of caring community
  - Implement antibias curricula
  - Advocate for children and their families
  - Collaborate and communicate effectively with coworkers, administrators, parents, and community agencies
  - Address 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
  - o Communicating and interacting with other educators and peers online

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 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.”

In 2017, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked St. John’s graduate program in education as one of the top 50 graduate online programs in the nation.

## 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.

## What’s in it for me?

- Graduates are often offered full-time positions at schools where they perform their required field hours.
- Faculty relationships with New York-area principals and directors frequently result in job opportunities
- Global studies programs in education in Italy and France
- 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 and Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society

## Admission Requirements

An application, nonrefundable application fee, official transcripts from every institution attended showing conferral of degree and satisfactory grade point average, statement of professional goals, and satisfactory test scores (verbal and quantitative) from ONE of the following tests: GMAT® or GRE® General Test or Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators

## Full Program Name

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## Location Availability

**Queens, Staten Island**

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