



Master of Science in Education Adolescent Education Career Change Programs

Teaching in Middle and High Schools: Bring Your Expertise to Adolescent Learners

Mission Statement

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction inspires learners through collaborative, authentic, responsive, and experiential practices. We are committed to supporting our students as global educators, leaders, and researchers who address the needs of communities within and beyond the classroom. This graduate program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to become competent, caring, and effective secondary (grades 7-12) teachers prepared to design and enact instruction and assessment that is differentiated and culturally responsive.

Program and NY State Certification Options Available

- Biology
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish

Why Choose This Program?

- Designed for those who aspire to use their expertise in Biology, English, Mathematics, Physics, Social Studies, or Spanish in a new career in teaching in grades 7-12
- Rigorous 33-credit curriculum leading to New York State initial teaching certification
- Foundations in theory, teaching methods, inclusive pedagogy, assessment, and technology integration
- Immediate and sustained immersion into field-based experiences in schools, including student teaching
- Supportive, purpose-driven community of teaching and learning
- Faculty with expertise and who are committed to recognizing and building upon student experiences and assets
- Built-in supports for all aspects of New York State certification, including required state-mandated workshops

Program Snapshot

Credits	33 credits total
Core Courses	Foundations, Special Education, Middle School Methods, Content Area-Specific Methods, Literacy in the Content Areas, Curriculum & Technology, Assessment & Evaluation
Field Experiences	100+ hours of observation per NY State certification requirements embedded throughout the program; 3 credits of student teaching/internship
Format/Duration	Typically, 1.5–2 years full-time (part-time options available)
Certification	Prepares for NY State initial certification in Adolescent Education (Grades 7-12*) in one of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• English• Mathematics• Physics• Social Studies• Spanish <p><i>*Extension opportunities available to extend certification n downward to grades 5-6 upon successful program completion</i></p>

Admissions & How to Apply

- Fall and Spring admission cycles
- Required documents: all prior undergraduate and graduate transcripts, professional/academic letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, résumé/CV
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Application available online: <https://grad.stjohns.edu/portal/apply>

Learning Outcomes & Career Paths

- Design and deliver engaging instruction aligned with content-specific standards
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners

- Use assessments and data to inform teaching practice
- Integrate technology and research into educational practice

Potential Career Paths:

- Middle or high school teacher (Grades 7-12)
- Content specialist / Instructional coach
- Curriculum developer / coordinator
- Educational consultant

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Apply today or contact us to learn more!

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Have Specific Program Questions?

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