Degree Requirement Summary
Special Education: Childhood Master of Science
For Candidates Without Prior Certification
(Unofficial Document)

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Required Core Courses for Initial Certification in Childhood Special Education:

EDCH 598 Professional Seminar (0) _______  
EDCH 502 Foundations of Literacy (3) _______  
EDCH 540 Childhood Learning and Development (3) _______  
EDCH 543 Math Instruction: Elementary (3) _______  
EDCH 545 Science Instruction: Elementary (3) _______  
EDCH 546 Elementary Social Studies Instruction (3) _______  
SPE 541 Inclusive Strategies (3) _______  
SPE 570 Standards Based Assessment (3) _______  
SPE 580 Classroom Management (3) _______  
SPE 644 Collaborative Practices on a Transdisciplinary Team (3) _______  
SPE 631 Reading & Writing Process for Students with Disabilities* (3) _______  
SPE 640 Learning and Behavioral Disorders: Etiology & Research - Based Interventions (3) _______  
SPE 650 Developmental Disabilities & Autism Spectrum Disorders: Analysis of Causes & Research-Based Interventions (3) _______  
SPE 652 Functional Curriculum & Assistive Technology for Students with Severe Developmental Disabilities and ASD* (3) _______  
SPE 698 Seminar in Teaching and Assessment (50 hours – must include whole-class instruction in a childhood classroom) (3) _______  
Prerequisite: B or better in SPE 631 and SPE 652

Fieldwork:

SPE 615 Research Methods (3) _______  
SPE 593 Student Teaching (one placement in special education, one in childhood) Prereq is B or better in SPE 631, 652 and 698 (9) _______  
EDU 595 Child Abuse Seminar (0) _______  
EDU 596 Prevention of School Violence Seminar (0) _______  
SPE 594 Student Teaching Seminar (0) _______  

Total Credits: 54

Required Certification Exams for Initial Certification in Childhood and Childhood Special Education:

- Individuals seeking a teaching certificate must achieve qualifying scores on a set of assessments as part of the New York State Teacher Certification Examination Program. Visit the link below for more information:

http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annProgramUpdate.asp

Other Certification Requirements:

1. Fingerprinting
2. Child Abuse Seminar
3. Prevention of School Violence Seminar

Optional: Middle Childhood Extension for grades 7-9

Note: This is a regular middle childhood extension in the content area, not a disabilities extension

Two courses, 3 credits each
EMC 552 Human Growth and Development
EMC 553 Cognition, Learning Assessment & Diagnostic Teaching: Middle Childhood
Also requires a 30-credit academic concentration and passing score on the corresponding Content Specialty Test. See your advisor for details before taking these courses.

*requires 25 hours of field experience

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