

CEI Application Information

The CEI program will culminate in a Master of Science in Education degree and fulfills course requirements for initial and professional New York State certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Application requirements:

1. Applicants must meet with a department advisor to review all college transcripts to determine eligibility prior to applying to the program. {Please e-mail Dr. Henry, henryd@buffalostate.edu) to schedule an appointment. During this meeting you will complete a CEI distribution worksheet detailing your college-level work in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Two years of high school or two semesters in college in one foreign language is also required (high school transcript should be submitted with application).
2. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with an academic major in one of the liberal arts or sciences. Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).
3. There is a SUNY Teacher Certification Program requirement to submit a score from either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) OR the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
4. Complete the SUNY Buffalo State online [Graduate School Application](#) You will also submit official transcripts from all colleges attended with your application. Buffalo State transcripts are automatic and no action is required.
5. Write a well-crafted, 2-3 page statement addressing the following:
 - a) Your reasons for seeking childhood certification and your related professional experiences.
 - b) Your professional goals.

Your statement will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- i) Content
 - ii) Organization
 - iii) Conventions of language
6. Submit three reference letters on the CEI application form. The letters should attest to the applicant's potential as a graduate student and as a teacher. If possible we recommend that at least one reference be from a college professor or instructor who is familiar with the applicant as a college student.

Applicants will be judged on demonstrated academic record, the strength of recommendations, and the quality of the candidate's statement. To receive initial certification, students must successfully pass the applicable New York State certification exams and other certification requirements including fingerprinting.

Further information about this program is available from:

Dr. David Henry

E-mail: henryd@buffalostate.edu

Recommended Application Dates (*Following these dates will allow for adequate registration time.*)

Spring: November 1; Summer: March 1; Fall: June 1

All documentation needs to be submitted in order to process your application.

Please return your completed application and all supplemental materials to the Graduate School Office, Cleveland Hall 204, gradoffc@buffalostate.edu.



This program is for students with a bachelor’s degree in an area other than education who wish to become elementary school teachers. The program will culminate in a Master of Science in Education degree and fulfills course requirements for initial and professional New York State certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6). Please note that additional workshops and certification requirements also need to be met.

Foundations in Education 9-12 cr

- EDU 501 Seminar for the Reflective Teacher
- EDU 620 Teaching and Learning in Diverse Elementary School Classrooms
- EXE 500 Individuals with Special Needs or EDU/EXE 502 Contingency Management if EXE 100 is completed
- SPF 503 Educational Psychology (Undergraduate equivalent acceptable)

Methods and Theory 9 cr

- EDU 546 Theory, Research, and Practice in English Language Arts Instruction (20 hours of field experience)
- EDU 671 Theory, Research, and Practice in Science Instruction
- EDU 654 Theory, Research, and Practice in Social Studies Instruction

Methods and Practicum Courses 12 cr

- EDU 511 Methods of Teaching English/Language Arts (6 credits, includes 45 hour of field experience)
- EDU 682 Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School (6 credits, includes 45 hour of field experience)

Student Teaching 12 cr

- EDU 500 Practicum in Education (6)
- EDU 510 Practicum in Childhood Education (6)
- Student teaching is one semester of full-time teaching

Master’s Project 3 cr

- EDU 690 Master’s Project

Total Required Credit Hours: 45-48 cr

Please contact Dr. David Henry at henryd@buffalostate.edu for additional information and a personal meeting and review of undergraduate coursework before starting your application.

There is an option to add Early Childhood (birth – grade 2) certification. You will work with your advisor and the Buffalo State Teacher Certification Office to complete the requirements if desired.

Professional Reference Form

CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE: References should be professional in nature (work supervisor, colleague). Please return the completed reference form to the Graduate School Office (GC 204) with all application materials. Application materials can be emailed directly to the graduate office at gradoffc@buffalostate.edu

REFERENCE PLEASE NOTE: You can scan and email this reference directly to the Buffalo State graduate Office at gradoffc@buffalostate.edu, return this form **to the candidate** in a sealed and signed envelope, or mail directly to the Graduate School Office, GC 204. 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222.

Applicant's Name: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Below Average	Unknown
The applicant's academic writing is...					
The applicant's expressive communication is...					
The applicant's ability to work independently is...					
The applicant's professionalism is...					
The applicant's work ethic is...					
The applicant's ability to work with others is...					
The applicant's potential as a graduate student is...					
The applicant's potential as a childhood teacher is...					

Additional comments can be attached or included on the back of this form, if necessary.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Title/Position _____

Name of School/Business _____

Address _____