CUR Application Information

The Elementary Education, Literacy, and Educational Leadership department offers this Master of Science in Education program leading to eligibility for professional certification in Early Childhood and/or Childhood Education for those holding New York State Initial Teacher Certification.

Application Requirements:

1. Degree from an accredited college or university in early childhood and/or childhood education. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).

2. 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.

3. Submit a score from either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) OR the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

4. Write a well-crafted statement addressing the following:
   a) Your strengths as a teacher
   b) Professional challenge(s) you have encountered during your first classroom teaching experiences or field experiences that you hope to address in your graduate work
   c) How your graduate program can help you grow as a teacher

   Your statement will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
   a) Content
   b) Organization
   c) Conventions of language

5. Submit 2 letters of reference that attest to the applicant’s performance or potential as a teacher. Please note that one of the references must be from a college professor or instructor.

   Note to Reference Writer: You can email this reference directly to that Buffalo State graduate Office at gradoffic@buffalostate.edu, return the letter 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.

Application materials can be emailed directly to the graduate office at gradoffic@buffalostate.edu or submitted to the Graduate School Office, GC 204.

Applicants will be judged on demonstrated academic records, the strength of recommendations and the quality of the candidate’s statement of professional interests, goals, and relevant personal experiences.

Further information about this program is available from:

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Suggested Application Deadline Dates
Spring: November 1; Summer: March 1; Fall: June 1
Applications will be reviewed throughout the year. The deadlines allow adequate time to process the application so that the applicant can register for courses. All documentation needs to be submitted in order to process your application.