Public School Teacher Preparation

“The JRTEP program is preparing me for SUNY New Paltz because nothing is being held back. I am receiving a big work load, which includes 20 hours observing in area school classrooms, but I am still enjoying my time in the program. After completing JRTEP I will be ready for any challenge New Paltz has to offer.”

Eric Marquez

Why Public School Teacher Preparation?
If it is your dream to teach in the public schools, you will get an excellent, affordable start at SUNY Orange. Whether entering our liberal arts degree program with an emphasis on education or enrolling in our Jointly Registered Teacher Education Program with SUNY New Paltz (JRTEP), you will receive a liberal arts foundation, begin your education courses, and observe in local schools. You’ll be off to a great start to fulfilling your dreams.

Why Public School Teacher Preparation at SUNY Orange?
That’s easy! The Education department faculty is highly qualified and cares about you as a teacher-in-training. Our curriculum blends excellent instruction with “hands-on” practical experience through field work in public schools and early learning centers. Our graduates are eagerly hired by local agencies. Our Jointly Registered Teacher Education Program (JRTEP) transfer students typically achieve a 100% pass rate on the New York State Liberal Arts and Sciences Test for Certification exams. The competitively low tuition at SUNY Orange and the high level of preparation combine to truly give you the best for less. Start your teaching career here: change the world one child at a time.

At SUNY Orange, we are passionate about teaching and we are committed to providing a friendly and supportive environment for you. If you are equally passionate about your future, you may want to investigate all that SUNY Orange has to offer.

“If you have the dream, we have the way.”
Do you wish to teach in the public schools?

New York State certifies teachers in the categories of birth-grade 2, grades 1-6, and grades 7-12. At SUNY Orange, you can begin your pathway to a public school teaching certification in either our:

- Liberal Arts (Foundations of Education) degree program—leading to an associate in arts (A.A.) or associate in science (A.S.) degree—designed to prepare students to obtain a bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university.

- Jointly Registered Teacher Education Program degree program—also leading to an A.A. or A.S. degree—designed for students who want to transfer to SUNY New Paltz. The JRTEP program may also be appropriate for transfer to other SUNY colleges, but we advise you to check with the individual college to which you may be considering. Students who complete the JRTEP program and are accepted into New Paltz are guaranteed to have all of their SUNY Orange credit accepted for transfer and will thereby enter ready to begin their junior year.

Students in either program may apply to any institution for transfer. Admission to SUNY New Paltz, like many other transfer education schools, is highly competitive. Grade point averages weigh heavily into transfer admissions decisions.

Do you want to be a Teaching Assistant or Aide in the public schools?

After completing the SUNY Orange Teaching Assistant Certificate program, you’ll be prepared to provide educational and behavioral assistance in New York State classrooms ranging from preschool through high school. The program meets the requirements for permanent New York State Education Department Teaching Assistant Certification.

All courses in the Teaching Assistant Certification program can also be applied to liberal arts or JRTEP degree programs if you elect to continue your education following completion of the certificate program.

Do you wish to begin or further your career in a preschool or early childhood center?

SUNY Orange’s Early Childhood Development and Care program offers excellent preparation in two forms:

- The Early Childhood Development and Care degree program—resulting in a two-year associate in applied science (A.A.S) degree—blends an array of liberal arts courses with more than 30 credits in early childhood classroom instruction and more than 200 hours of hands-on field experience. With this degree you can become a head teacher, director or even open your own center.

- The Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate is a one-year program which focuses on education classes, and includes up to 60 hours of “hands-on” fieldwork in diverse early learning environments. All of the Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate courses can also be applied toward an Early Childhood Development and Care A.A.S. degree if you choose to continue your education following completion of the certificate program.