

Childhood and Early Childhood Education (B.S.)

Degree Type

Bachelor's

The bachelor of science in Childhood and Early Childhood Education (B-6) with liberal arts major program prepares Russell Sage College students for NYS teacher certification, grades Birth-6. Students will have the opportunity for extensive formalized experience in school settings. Requirements for admission include a minimum GPA of 3.000. Students have the option of extending their certification to include Middle Childhood and through Russell Sage College Graduate School may complete graduate degrees required for professional certification. With careful planning of the undergraduate program, students may accelerate their graduate study by beginning graduate coursework in the senior year. [Childhood Education, 72-73 credits + Liberal Arts & Sciences major]

Liberal Arts & Sciences Major

Students in the childhood and early education program must also complete a **liberal arts major** in one of the following areas listed below.

- [Biology/Childhood Education \(B.S.\)](#)
- [English/Childhood Education \(B.S.\)](#)
- [Foreign Language/Childhood Education \(B.S.\)](#)
- [History/Childhood Education \(B.S.\)](#)
- [Life Science/Childhood Education \(B.S.\)](#)

Academic Standards

- To enter or remain an Education major, a student must achieve/maintain an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.000.
- Students must achieve and maintain a cumulative average of 3.000 in all Childhood Education major course requirements prior to entry into the methods courses (300-level EDU courses).
- To be eligible for student teaching, a student must have achieved a 3.000 cumulative average in teacher education coursework.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better (2.000) in all courses required for the Childhood Education program (including EDU and Support courses).
- Students must maintain a 3.000 cumulative average in their liberal arts major.
- All students in education are required to subscribe to a designated electronic portfolio system.
- Students seeking a initial certificate for a teaching position in New York state (grades 1-6) must also complete a liberal arts & sciences major (English, History, or Life Sciences).

Core Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
EDU 201	Education and Society	3
EDU 206	Educational Psychology	3
EDU 252	Learning, Language and Literacy	3
EDU 306	Inclusive Teaching Strategies	4
EDU 314	Social Studies Methods	2
EDU 323	Teaching Math, Science & Technology	4
EDU 337	Classroom Management	3
EDU 352	Advanced Learning, Language & Literacy	4
EDU 401	Student Teaching B-2	6
EDU 402	Student Teaching 3-6	6
EDU 412	Early Childhood B-2 Methods	4

Support Courses

- Complete all of the following:
*Studio ART/DAN/MUS class may be taken in place of VPA 111.

Item #	Title	Credits
	BIO 110 or BIO 207	3
ENG 268	Diverse Voices	3
	HST 105 or HST 106	3
MAT 111	Math for Teaching and Learning I	3
MAT 121	Math For Teaching & Learning II	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Lifespan Development (PSY 202 or PSY 208)	3-4
SCI 104	Physical and Earth Sciences	3
VPA 111	Introduction to Visual and Performing Arts	3
	Language Course	3

Workshops

Complete all of the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
NCR 070	Reporting and Identifying Child Abuse and Maltreatment	0
NCR 071	School Violence Prevention	0
NCR 072	DASA: School Bullying Prevention	0
NCR 317	Health Education Standards WS	0

Additional Information

- U.S. citizenship or declaration of intent to become a U.S. citizen is required for teacher certification in New York State.
- Successful passage of the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (LAST, ATS-W) is required of all applicants seeking certification.
- Applicants for New York state certification will have to be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal history review. The cost of this process will be the applicant's responsibility. The Education Office will provide information on how to meet this requirement.
- One student teaching experience must be at the 1-3 grade level and one at the 4-6 grade level. Students are personally responsible for transportation arrangements in connection with student teaching assignments. All education courses required in Childhood Education, including the non-credit workshops, must be completed before beginning student teaching.
- Data on placement of graduates is available at <http://www.sage.edu/academics/schoolofeducation/education/index.php>

Optional Middle Childhood Education

Middle Childhood Education is an option that may be combined with childhood education. Middle Childhood Education is not a stand-alone program. Specifically, students completing childhood education (grades 1-6) may elect to expand the age range of their certification to include preparation for teaching in middle school (grades 7-9).

Childhood Education: Liberal Arts Optional Middle Childhood Education

Degree Completion Notes

- Total credits required for a bachelor's degree (minimum): 120 credits
- Cumulative GPA required for graduation (minimum): 3.000
- Major GPA required for graduation (minimum): 3.000
- 1/2 of major requirements must be completed at Sage (minimum)
- Completion of all required [General Education](#) coursework

Total Credits

72-73