



Master of Science or Sixth Year Certificate in Secondary Education

In as few as 10 months, you can complete our 33-credit master's degree in secondary education that will open the door to your new career teaching students in grades 7-12. You can complete the flexible MS in Secondary Education program as either an intern or a traditional student, whichever works best with your busy lifestyle.

You will earn certification in business, English, history and social studies, mathematics, music (PK-12), science (biology, chemistry, earth science, general science and physics), or computer science and gain invaluable teaching experience in the classroom that will prepare you to empower the next generation. We work with more than 60 districts throughout Connecticut and New York to provide you with practical experiences in a local school. This program is offered at our main Bridgeport campus, as well as our Waterbury location.

Your graduate education is covered with a tuition-paid internship

Thanks to partnerships with school districts across the state, paid internship opportunities are available that will almost entirely offset the tuition cost for your master's degree, allowing you to complete the program without taking on the burden of additional student loans.

Tuition-paid internship model

- Take classes 2-3 evenings a week
- UB's School of Education arranges your internship placement
- Intern full-time in a cooperating school during the day for an entire academic year
- Pay only for books and fees
- Complete your master's degree in as few as 10 months
- Save over \$23,000 in tuition

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Course requirements

- Nine credit hours in foundations of education coursework
 - differentiated instruction
 - educational psychology
 - special education
- Twenty-four hours of professional education requirements
 - content subject areas
 - curriculum and methods of teaching
 - statutory state requirements
 - field experiences
- Sixty to seventy-day (*twelve to fourteen-week*) residency (*student*) teaching experience (*six credit hours*)

Program prerequisites

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or recognized international institution
 - A master's degree from a regionally accredited university is required for the 6th year program
 - Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.67 ('B-') or higher

Graduate applicants are required to submit:

- Application at admissions.bridgeport.edu/apply
- Official transcripts from each institution attended
 - International transcripts must include an official course-by-course evaluation of all academic work from www.naces.org
- Letter of recommendation
 - Letter needs to come from an employer, professor or professional associate and must testify to your suitability as a prospective teacher
- Personal statement
 - In 350 words or more, detail the reasons you are interested in enrolling in the certification program of your choice, highlight relevant background experiences and address your overall professional goals in the teaching profession. Please discuss any activities, general or professional, that have influenced your decision to enter the teaching profession.
- Résumé
- Music certification applicants must submit a video or audio file in one of three ways:
 - YouTube, Google Drive, or Dropbox link emailed to gradadmissions@bridgeport.edu
 - CD or DVD sent through the mail
 - Personal audition/interview with the program director

University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accredits University of Bridgeport's School of Education. CAEP promotes excellence in educator preparation through quality assurance and continuous improvement.