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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GIFTED EDUCATION

Revised March, 2024 -- For students beginning summer 2024 or later

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This twelve-credit online graduate certificate program is available to students enrolled in master's and doctoral programs in many fields at Rutgers, and is open to all with a bachelor's degree. The certificate program is designed to help New Jersey educators, districts, and parents meet the challenges of educating the gifted. This special program draws on input from district superintendents, teachers, parents, the Educational Information and Resource Center and the statewide advocates for gifted children, including the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children. The curriculum, develop in alignment with state and national standards, addresses the social and emotional development of the gifted child, curriculum design and implementation, pedagogy, instructional strategies, and the development and administration of a gifted education program.

This program does not include coursework leading to a New Jersey school personnel license.

II. APPLICATION DEADLINES: No applications can be admitted less than two weeks before the beginning of the semester in which the program would be started. Applications must submitted and complete at least two weeks before the beginning of the semester.

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide all of the following:

1. A Statement of Program Intent
2. Undergraduate transcripts

Only complete applications will be reviewed.

IV. HOW TO APPLY:

Current Rutgers University Graduate Students: All applicants who are **currently** enrolled in a graduate-level program at Rutgers University and wish to begin the endorsement program while continuing their current program should contact the GSE Office of Student and Academic Services (OSAS) at academic.services@gse.rutgers.edu.

Non-Rutgers University Graduate Students: Applicants who are **not currently** enrolled in a program at Rutgers University apply online at the Graduate Admissions website: http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/

1. Click on "Create Account or Login" and follow the instructions given.
2. Under "Start an application today!", click **Apply Now**

   Application Selection
3. For "Level of Application", select **Graduate**
4. For "Applicant Type", select **Certificate**
5. Continue filling out the application, following the on-screen instructions.

   Program of Study
6. Under "Program Information", make sure **Certificate** is selected for "Applicant Type"
7. For "Area of Study", select **Education**
8. For "Location/Instructional Method", select **New Brunswick**
9. For "Program Selection", select **Education - Gifted Education (Certificate) New Brunswick**
10. Complete the rest of the application by providing the requested information.
11. Supporting materials should be submitted online. Materials that must be mailed should be addressed to: Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Proctor Hall, Suite 308, 65 Davidson Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854, U.S.A.
12. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
13. Submit your application.

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and confirming that they meet program requirements **before** the application is submitted. Rutgers Graduate School of Education **WILL NOT** refund the application fee if an applicant is not accepted.

When the entire application process is complete, students simply register for the courses in the program as described on the program handouts and on the GSE website gse.rutgers.edu. It is the responsibility of the student to enroll in all of the required courses through Rutgers University. **No program requirements may be met at any other institution.** Students are expected to maintain a "B" or better average as a non-degree student. Accepted students will have 5 years to complete the program.

After completing all of the required courses in the program, students should contact the Office of Academic Services at the GSE. Students will receive official documentation of their completion, endorsed by the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education.

V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
05:300:320 **or** 15:294:531	Introduction to Gifted Education **or** The Gifted Child	3
05:300:322 **or** 15:294:532	The Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners **or** The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children	3
15:294:533	Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted	3
15:294:534	Gifted Program Development	3
	Total Credits	12