Why is this program important?
1. There is a shortage of licensed teachers in early childhood education.
2. As of July 1, 2013, newly licensed teachers must hold the Nursery-Grade 3 license to teach kindergarten.
3. Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy’s early childhood initiative in priority school districts leads to a need for more licensed early childhood educators.

What is the curriculum?
This cohort model includes:
- 33 graduate credits
- 10-week, 9-credit, student teaching placement in grades 1-3
- 5-week, 4-credit practicum

What is the timeframe to completion?
15 months, including coursework and clinical experiences
Candidates who cannot take advantage of the accelerated 15-month program are invited to complete the program on a part-time basis. However, courses must be taken in the proper sequence as defined by the program.

Application Requirements
- Candidates must hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university.
- The ideal candidate meets one of the following criteria:

How to Apply
Step 1
- Submit an application to the Graduate School Admissions Office, available at www.usj.edu/graduate
- Submit two sealed official transcripts from all undergraduate and any graduate work. Applicants with a 3.0 cumulative GPA will be given admission preference; a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.67 is required for consideration.

Step 2
Decisions for continuation of the application will be made on a rolling basis as applications are received. Eligible applicants must complete the following additional admissions requirements, submitted in one packet.
- Passing scores on Praxis 1 or submission of a waiver
- Two letters of professional recommendation (not from family, friends, or School of
Education faculty), with university recommendation forms completed, sent to the Dean of the School of Education

- An application essay
- Immunization forms

Financial Aid may be available to eligible students in the maximum amount of $20,500 per year as a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. Contact the USJ Financial Aid Office for personalized assistance: 860.231.5223 or financialaid@usj.edu.

For additional information, contact the Graduate Admission Office at 860.231.5261 or graduate@usj.edu.

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