

# BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

When the college opened its doors in 1871 as the Buffalo Normal School, its purpose was to train teachers to serve Buffalo's fast-growing student population in the public schools. Now, Buffalo State educates more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students each year. From the beginning, Buffalo State has consistently focused on making quality education accessible to students while addressing the needs of the Western New York community.

The only State University of New York (SUNY) college located in a metropolitan area, Buffalo State offers its students unparalleled educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities, both on the 115-acre campus and throughout the community.

Buffalo State is the largest college in the SUNY system, with 38 master's programs, two certificate of advanced study programs, and four graduate certificate programs, as well as 75 undergraduate degree programs. The college also offers 18 postbaccalaureate teacher certification programs. Page 2 of this catalog lists all postbaccalaureate and graduate program options.

## Why a Graduate Degree?

The world we work in has become increasingly complex, and advanced study beyond the baccalaureate degree is now a prerequisite for many career fields, particularly those in education, the sciences, and technology. More than 2,000 students enrolled in graduate study at Buffalo State find that a graduate degree allows them entry into new or related fields or eligibility for promotion in their current fields.

New York State has strengthened its teacher certification requirements. Teachers are now required to enter the classroom with master's degrees achieved through more rigorous teacher-education programs. The new requirements, unequaled in the United States, will ensure that teachers are prepared to help students meet new state Board of Regents high school graduation requirements.

## Why a Graduate Degree at Buffalo State?

Buffalo State has been offering graduate degree programs since 1945. Twenty-three areas of specialization in the master's of science in education are offered—more choices in graduate education study than any other SUNY school.

Specialized graduate degree programs include art conservation, creative studies, educational computing, and teaching bilingual exceptional individuals, as well as a master of professional studies degree in literacy (reading

teacher) and a certificate of advanced study in art conservation. Other notable graduate degree programs include adult education, criminal justice, industrial technology, and student personnel administration. Buffalo State also offers graduate degrees in applied economics, biology, English, history, and multidisciplinary studies.

Outstanding opportunities for internships and clinical practice abound. Because Buffalo State is located in New York State's second-largest city, the college can arrange many opportunities for field study or research.

Buffalo State's graduate teacher education programs are distinctive in their ability to provide training in urban, suburban, and rural settings. The training prepares teachers to work effectively in culturally diverse settings, enhance teaching and learning, and reach students with a variety of needs and abilities.

Through assistantships and externally funded research projects, an increased number of graduate students are able to attend full time and participate in research and scholarly activities. Most students complete an applied research project as a culminating activity for the master's degree. For example, all art conservation graduate students are required to complete a nine- to 12-month internship with senior conservators in placements in the United States or overseas, and the speech-language pathology program requires clinical practicum work in both on-campus and off-campus externships.

The campus also offers numerous opportunities for specialized study and research with its Great Lakes Center, the Burchfield-Penney Art Center, the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, the Center for China Studies, the Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education, and various departmental initiatives.

Through the Career Development Center, students can obtain help seeking employment, and Buffalo State's alumni network provides employment leads.

## The State University of New York

The State University of New York (SUNY), a statewide system of 64 campuses, enrolls more than 414,000 students. It is the largest, most diverse multicampus university in the nation. SUNY is committed to bringing its students the best and brightest faculty and the promise of a caring learning environment. State support keeps SUNY tuition much lower than rates charged at private colleges and universities.