Montclair State University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). Programs leading to a degree or certificate (not certification) are approved by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) of the State of New Jersey. Programs leading to NJ State certification are approved by the New Jersey Department of Education using the standards of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification.

Discipline Specific Accreditations include:

- AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (Baccalaureate and Graduate degree programs in business, School of Business)
- ACEND - Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Didactic Program in Dietetics, Baccalaureate level, Dietetic Internship, Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences)
- CAATE - Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (Athletic Training major, BS, Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, College of Education and Human Services)
- CAC/ABET - Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (Computer Science major, concentration in Professional Computing, BS, Department of Computer Science, College of Science and Mathematics)
- CACREP - Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (Counseling, Ph.D., Counseling, MA - Department of Counseling and Educational Leadership)
- CAA/ASHA - Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech Language Hearing Association - CAA has accredited the MA with concentration in Speech-Language pathology; and the Doctoral program in Audiology (PhD) in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- CAEP - Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) [Formerly NCATE] - for programs preparing elementary and secondary school teachers, as well as administrative and school service personnel.
- CEPH - Council on Education for Public Health - Master of Public Health (MPH), BS in Public Health, concentration in Community Health Education - Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences, College of Education and Human Services
- NASAD - National Association of Schools of Art and Design (Fashion Studies major, BA; Fine Arts major, concentrations in Art Education, Art History, Studio Art, BA; Animation/Illustration major, Fine Arts/ Studio major, Filmmaking major, Graphic Design major, Industrial Design major, BFA; Studio Art major, MFA, Department of Art and Design, College of the Arts)
- NASD - National Association of Schools of Dance (Dance major, concentration in Dance Education, BA; Dance major, BFA, Department of Theatre and Dance, College of the Arts)
- NASM - National Association of Schools of Music (Music Therapy major, BA; Music major, concentrations in Music Education, Jazz Studies, Performance, Theory/Composition, BMus; Music major, concentrations in Music Education, Music Therapy, Performance, and Theory/Composition, MA, John J. Cali School of Music, College of the Arts)
- NAST - National Association of Schools of Theatre (Theatre major, BA; Theatre major concentrations in Acting and in Production/Design, BFA; Theatre major with concentration in Theatre Studies, MA, Department of Theatre and Dance, College of the Arts)

Program approvals include:

- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)/American Association for Health Education (AAHE): Health Education major, BS, initial teacher certification, P-12
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)/National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE): Physical Education major, BS, initial teacher certification, P-12
- American Bar Association: Justice Studies major, Paralegal Studies concentration, BA; Paralegal Studies minor; Post-baccalaureate Certificate Program in Paralegal Studies
- American Chemical Society: Biochemistry major, BS; Chemistry major, BS; Chemistry minor; Chemistry major, MS; Chemistry major, Biochemistry concentration, MS
- American Music Therapy Association: Music Therapy major, BA; Music major, concentration in Music Therapy, MA
- Council for Exceptional Children: Early Childhood Special Education major, MEd; Learning Disabilities major, MEd; Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant, post-master’s certification; Communication Sciences and Disorders major, concentration in Speech-Language Pathology, MA
- Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC): Educational Leadership major, MA
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): Family and Child Studies major, concentration in Early Childhood, BA, initial teacher certification, P-3
- National Association for Music Therapy: Music Therapy major, BA
- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS): Anthropology major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; History major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; Political Science major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; Sociology major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; Geography major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; Economics major, BA, initial teacher certification, P-12; Social Studies, MAT, initial teacher certification, P-12; Social Studies, post-baccalaureate teacher certification, P-12
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE): English major, BA, initial teacher certification, 6-12; English, MAT, initial teacher certification, 6-12; English, post-baccalaureate teacher certification, 6-12
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM): Mathematics major (BS), initial teacher certification, 6-12; Mathematics, MAT, initial teacher certification, 6-12; Mathematics, post-baccalaureate teacher certification, 6-12
Memberships

- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- American Association for Paralegal Education
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- American Council on Education
- Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
- Association of American Colleges and Universities
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges of Business Administration
- National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals
- National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
- National Network for Educational Renewal
- New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities
- North American Association of Summer Sessions
- Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools