Computational thinking has become a new 21st century literacy (USCTO, 2016). Computer Science for All is a national effort dedicated to preparing our students with computational thinking skills. The University at Albany is offering the first online graduate certificate program in computing education in the State of New York. The Certificate in Computing Education (CCE) is also integrated with the M.S. Curriculum Development and Instructional Technology program. You can earn two valuable credentials simultaneously.

The CCE program provides teachers the knowledge and competencies to teach introductory computer science courses such as Exploring Computer Science and Computer Science Principles. The program will also help teachers to develop their own developmentally appropriate curricula in computing for K-12 students.

CCE offers a flexible curriculum:

Three required courses

- ETAP 540  Learning and Teaching Computer Science Principles (3)
- ETAP 650  Educational Computing in the Math/Science Class (3)
- ETAP 652C  Teaching Computing in the Secondary School (3)

Two electives in areas of

- Computer games
- Computer science
- Instructional technology
- Other special topics offered at the department

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