

Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Southern
New Hampshire
University



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Southern New Hampshire University's B.A. in early childhood education prepares students to teach young children.

Students gain a comprehensive understanding of child development, family systems, and curriculum and instruction for children from birth through age 8. The practitioner-oriented program provides a solid background in developmental theory and practice and a strong foundation in an academic discipline.

The program, which leads to teaching certification, culminates in a 16-week student teaching practicum. This valuable experience

Major Courses

DEV 260	Family and Culture
or	
DEV 340	Theories of Play
DEV 424	Assessment/Intervention: Early Childhood
EDU 200	Introduction to Education
EDU 243	Learning Theory and Instruction
EDU 245	Literature for Children and Adolescents
EDU 270	Foundations of Teaching and Learning
EDU 330	Mathematics Instruction for Young Children
EDU 361	Emerging and Early Literacy: Developing Reading and Writing in Grades K-4
EDU 363	Reading Facilitation for all Learners
EDU 371	Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (K-4)
EDU 440	Differentiating Instruction
EDU 490	Student Teaching and Seminar (12 credits)
SPED 210	Early Childhood Special Education
or	
SPED 260	Children with Exceptionalities

Allied Courses

GEO 200	World Geography
HIS 114	United States History II: 1865 to Present
PSY 211	Human Growth and Development
SCI 212	Principles of Physical Science

requires that potential educators work full-time with an established teacher. During this placement, the student teacher gradually takes on the role of the classroom teacher. Students apply to the student teaching program one year before their placement begins. All other fieldwork and course requirements must be complete prior to beginning the student teaching placement. Candidates for New Hampshire state teacher certification in elementary education must pass the Praxis II before applying to student teaching.

Content Area Concentration

Students with a major in early childhood education will have met the content area concentration in child development. Students wishing to complete an additional content area concentration should consult with their advisor.

General Special Education Certification

An early childhood student with a GPA of 3.3 or above may complete additional requirements to earn general special education certification. This certification benefits all classroom teachers by preparing them to meet the needs of special education populations in grade level and content-area classes. Teachers with dual certification are in very high demand throughout the region. General special education certification also qualifies teachers to work with special needs students at the K-12 levels.

SPED 230	Behavior Theory and Practice
SPED 314	IEP: Consultation and Collaboration
SPED 350	Special Education Assessment
EDU 491	Special Education Student Teaching and Seminar

Accreditation

Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
American Culinary Federation Educational Institute
Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
European Council for Business Education
National Association for Sport and Physical Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission
New Hampshire State Department of Education for Teacher Certification
North American Society for Sport Management

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