

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Special Education



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University 

Go Teach Students with Special Needs

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Prepare to make a difference in the lives of students with special needs with Southern New Hampshire University's bachelor's degree program in special education.

SNHU education students are in the field from first semester, freshman year – much earlier than in most teacher education programs. You will work with established teachers in their classrooms and have opportunities for working with children in the community.

The special education program prepares you for New Hampshire certification (reciprocal in most states) for teaching kindergarten through 12th grade. Certified special education teachers are qualified to teach children with disabilities in a number of environments, including resource rooms and general classrooms.

The special education major is easily paired with another education major, such as secondary English education or elementary education.

The Curriculum

Graduates gain a deep understanding of the issues related to the teaching and learning conditions for children with disabilities. Traditional, innovative and research-based approaches will be investigated to support the instructional and transitional needs of children as they progress from preschool through high school.

The program culminates with a 16-week student teaching experience.

Career Outlook

There is a critical shortage of professional special education teachers in school districts throughout the country. Special education teaching opportunities are expected to grow by 17 percent in the next decade, which is faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A degree in special education also can lead to opportunities in such areas as research and administration.

Content Area Concentration

You can further enhance your degree with a concentration by taking courses in such areas as economics, English, fine arts, humanities, mathematics, philosophy, politics, psychology, science and social science.

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
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



“I want to make sure I’m not the teacher that overlooks any student. I want to be the teacher who appreciates and sees every student for who they are.”

– Emily Mongeau
Special education/
elementary education student

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