SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
On Location and Online

Inspire Students
Master of Education in Special Education

Southern New Hampshire University
Earn an M.Ed. Special Education degree at Southern New Hampshire University and help students with learning disabilities grow, develop and flourish. Add an additional endorsement to your Elementary Education certification with a master’s in Special Education degree or, if you are not yet certified, turn your degree into initial licensure in General Special Education (grades K-12). General special education focuses on mild to moderate disabilities.

Take courses at our Manchester center, completely online, or through a combination of these course delivery methods. SNHU is a leader in online learning, with regional and national awards in online education.

The M.Ed. Special Education degree program at SHNU leads to endorsement as a Special Education Educator (grades K-12) by the state of New Hampshire. Students outside New Hampshire must check with their state’s Department of Education for certification requirements and reciprocity. There is reciprocity between New Hampshire and 42 states.

Advantages of an M.Ed. in Special Education Degree at SNHU
- A master’s in Special Education degree from a respected, private, not-for-profit university.
- Ranked as a Tier 1 university by U.S. News & World Report.
- No upfront tuition required with employer tuition reimbursement.
- No GRE required for admission.
- Learn effective special educational practices from accomplished instructors who have spent years in the classroom.
- Complete the program in 21 months, with two courses per 11-week term.

M.Ed. Special Education Degree — Curriculum
Learn effective strategies and techniques for working with students with learning disabilities. If you are not yet certified in education, you must pass the PRAXIS 1 before beginning your 16-week classroom practicum to complete the 42-credit program. If you already are certified, you will complete an internship and e-portfolio that demonstrates your understanding of special education practices to fulfill the 39-credit program requirements.

Your Special Education degree course work will expand your skills and expertise in:
- identifying specific learning disabilities and their characteristics.
- understanding how students with learning disabilities develop
- assessing student needs and creating individual education plans (IEPs).
- designing and implementing behavior management plans.
- teaching in an inclusive classroom.

M.Ed. Special Education Degree — Outcomes
Children with learning disabilities are being diagnosed at an earlier age, increasing the demand for special education professionals in New Hampshire and other states. With a master's in Special Education degree and state certification, you will be qualified to teach in a private or public school as a:
- special education teacher
- resource room teacher
- integrated classroom instructor
- integrated classroom curriculum developer
- assessment coordinator

Financial assistance is available to those who qualify and financial counseling is available to all students.

Accreditation
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission
New Hampshire State Department of Education for Teacher Certification