EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (B.S.)

This program is on Administrative Hold as of Fall 2026. No new students may enroll at this time.

Building on the historical legacy of teacher preparation at Keene State College, the Education program's mission is to prepare competent, reflective classroom teachers and other professional school personnel who utilize effective teaching practices and who create developmentally appropriate educational environments for diverse learners. We integrate liberal arts knowledge and professional preparation for each program we offer and incorporate state and national standards for each specialty area.

52 credits, plus an academic Minor.

Students select an academic Minor, other than the Early Childhood Minor, to complement their Early Childhood Development Option. Students will gain a multidisciplinary understanding of early childhood development. The program integrates theory and practice with young children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) and their families in inclusive settings and provides pre-professional inclusive field experiences. Students will gain knowledge and experience with diverse learners, child development, family involvement, curriculum and assessment, and leadership. Successful completion of this option will prepare students for the New Hampshire Early Childhood Credential.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE Major

Students may officially declare a Major in Education at any time. However, continued progress through the Major and its options depends on meeting course prerequisites as well as the Educator Preparation Program Decision Points. (See http://www.keene.edu/office/teachered/students/decision-points/). Students will be given support with program planning throughout their time at KSC, and are encouraged to work with their faculty advisors regularly to review how they are meeting progress and eligibility requirements.

ADDITIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH OPTIONS WITHIN THE EDUCATION PROGRAM INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Travel to field placement sites is required. Some placements are beyond walking distance from campus and students are responsible for their own transportation.
2. Students are responsible for expenses associated with required criminal history record information (fingerprinting) and background checks for field placement sites.
3. Students are responsible for fees associated with their procurement of a Tk20 account. Tk20 is a program used for data management for accreditation purposes.
4. Students in Early Childhood are required to purchase and wear an EC shirt while in field placements.
5. CPR and first aid certification.