

EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (M.E.D.)

The Educational Leadership Option is designed for experienced educators who are interested in pursuing a master's degree in education and developing their knowledge and skills as a school leader. All students in the option will complete foundational core coursework in both leadership and learning, participate in specialized courses and/or internships, and complete a yearlong Capstone research project. There are two specializations that candidates can select under this option: The School Principal and Special Education Administrator.

Through the perspectives of the Keene State College Educator Preparation Programs Conceptual Framework, students in the Educational Leadership Option will:

- Explore the dynamic nature of the teaching and learning process
- Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors that meet high expectations and standards
- Understand the world from multiple perspectives
- Contribute to a just and equitable world.

School Principal Specialization

(Meets New Hampshire Licensure Competencies for Principal: Grades K-12)

Candidates in the School Principal Specialization will develop their knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to become a transformational leader. School principals are leaders who engage in many roles to meet the diverse needs of P-12 students in an increasingly complex society and a rapidly evolving world. Our mission is to develop inclusive leaders ready to meet the challenges of leading schools and districts in the 21st century. To lead successfully, school leaders must craft a vision for effective schooling, develop ethical understandings, and empower others to create a positive and caring school culture.

Students can enter the program at any time during the academic year and move through the program at their own pace. They will engage in a mix of coursework and field experiences to demonstrate competency as a school principal. The yearlong internship experience is a central component of the program where the candidate, Cooperating Professional, and KSC supervisor collaborate to support intern success. The program follows standards set forth by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC), and the New Hampshire Department of Education.

Admission Criteria – School Principal Specialization

Applicants to the Educational Leadership Option need to demonstrate a minimum of three years full-time experience as a licensed educator in an approved education setting and complete 5 years upon completion of the program. Applicants must follow licensure requirements set forth by NH Department of Education.

For additional admissions requirements, refer to the Graduate Application.

Candidates for admission to the Educational Leadership Option must submit an Application for Graduate Study in Education.

Special Education Administrator Specialization

(Meets New Hampshire Certification Competencies for Special Education Administrator, K-12)

This program offers specialized courses and experience that equip aspiring school administrators with the skills and competencies necessary for becoming effective educational leaders in special education leadership and administration. The New Hampshire Department of Education special education administrator competencies are embedded in the courses and internships. The program is designed to enable students to become inclusive leaders who know how to improve educational outcomes for diverse learners.

The Special Education Administrator Specialization will also develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to become a transformational leader. Special education administrators, like other educational leaders, engage in many roles to meet the diverse needs of individuals and groups in an increasingly complex society and a rapidly evolving world. Our mission is to develop inclusive leaders ready to meet the challenges of leading schools and districts in the 21st century. To lead effectively, all school leaders must develop a vision for effective schooling, develop ethical understandings, and empower others to create a positive and caring school culture.

Students can enter the program at any time during the academic year and move through the program at their own pace. They will engage in a mix of coursework and field experiences to demonstrate competency as a special education administrator. The yearlong internship experience is a central component of the program where the candidate, Cooperating Professional, and KSC supervisor collaborate to support intern success.

Admission Criteria – Special Education Administrator Specialization

Applicants to the Special Education Administrator Specialization must demonstrate a minimum of three years full-time experience as a licensed special educator in an approved education setting. Candidates will have completed at least 5 years to be recommended for the license. Applicants must follow licensure requirements set forth by NH Department of Education.

For additional admissions requirements, refer to the Graduate Application as well as the Graduate Programs in Education website, <https://www.keene.edu/academics/graduate/education/>.

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