

EDUCATION, GRADUATE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

This program is designed for individuals who seek certification in General Special Education by the New Hampshire Department of Education in General Special Education (K-12).

Through this program, students may pursue initial teacher certification in General Special Education alone or in conjunction with a master's degree. Those pursuing certification only (without a master's degree) will not need to complete the "Demonstration of Professional Leadership" component of the Master of Education degree.

The program begins in the summer and can be completed in one year. This portfolio-based program blends special education content knowledge courses with a yearlong internship experience. The internship may be conducted on the job (for students employed as a teacher in an appropriate special education setting) or in a field experience approved by the faculty coordinator(s) of this program. This program follows standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (NCATE), the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), and the New Hampshire Department of Education.

Admission Criteria-Graduate Educator Certification

Candidates for admission to the Graduate Educator Certification Program must submit an Application for Graduate Study in Education, including required materials, to the KSC Graduate Studies Office.

The preferred candidate must demonstrate an appropriate foundation in education. Individuals who possess a recognized form of teacher certification have demonstrated this required competency. Those who were previously certified or successfully completed an approved educator preparation program may also qualify for admission.

Candidates who do not have the required educational foundation may be encouraged to complete a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification program in order to demonstrate competency in education.

Graduates from the Keene State College early childhood, elementary, or secondary education programs who seek certification in General Special Education (K-12) are encouraged to apply to the M.Ed. Special Education Option during their senior year.