ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS / ELEMENTARY EDUCATION / GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.S.)  

https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/bs/english-language-arts-elementary-education-general-special-education

**Description**

Individuals who complete this dual certification program will be eligible for the New Hampshire Department of Education teacher certification in Elementary Education (K-5 or K-8) and General Special Education (K-12). The program aligns with the NH Department of Education's standards for teacher credentialing.

**Requirements**

**Degree Requirements**

**Minimum Credit Requirement:** 120 credits

**Minimum Cumulative GPA:** 2.0 is required for conferral

**Core Curriculum Required:** General Education Program

Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*GPA: Major and any state certification GPA requirements may be higher and are indicated in program details.

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor. Please note that Option requirements are considered part of the Major. Students must complete 16 upper-level credits in majors within the College of Professional Studies, Online.

**General Education Program Requirements**

A minimum grade of D- is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar, must be taken prior to the capstone.

**Writing Program Requirements**

All bachelor's degree candidates are required to complete four writing intensive courses as part of the University Writing Program Requirements as follows:

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<td>The Writing Process</td>
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<td>One Additional Writing Intensive Course</td>
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Writing Intensive courses are identified with the label "Writing Intensive Course" in the "Attributes" section of the course description and/or a W following the course number.

**Major Requirements**

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for state certification.

Prior to capstone enrollment, students are expected to complete the majority of their required major courses along with CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar. Students should consult with their advisor regarding specific major courses that may be completed with their capstone. Academic Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

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<td>Short Fiction</td>
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<td>Disability in Literature and Culture</td>
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<td>Or ENG 590</td>
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Declaration of Candidacy Form Required

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Exam Required

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<td>Introduction to Field Experience and Program Requirements</td>
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<td>EDC 701</td>
<td>Special Education Law</td>
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<td>EDC 703</td>
<td>The Dynamic Role of the Special Educator</td>
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<td>Managing Student Behavior</td>
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<td>Transition Planning &amp; Developing IEPs</td>
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<td>Using Technology to Teach Social Studies</td>
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<td>EDC 721</td>
<td>Assessment of Students with Disabilities</td>
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<td>EDC 722</td>
<td>Strategies for Teaching Science</td>
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**Introductory Level Education Courses**

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<td>EDC 723</td>
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<td>EDC 724</td>
<td>Elementary School Mathematics Methods</td>
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**Intermediate Level Education Courses**

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<td>MTH 504</td>
<td>Statistics</td>
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<td>Knowledge of the Physical &amp; Natural World</td>
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<td>Knowledge of Human Thought &amp; Expression</td>
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<tr>
<td>CRIT 602</td>
<td>Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking</td>
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<td>IDIS 601</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Seminar</td>
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**Total Credits:** 40
EDC 798 Culminating Teaching Experience and Seminar  4
Total Credits  85

1 Required prior to beginning the last 60 credits of degree program
2 Passing Praxis Core Exam scores must be submitted prior to taking EDC 700 Introduction to Field Experience and Program Requirements

Electives
Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as any credit course offered by the College not already included in the student’s general education, major, option or minor. Students will need 120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the Online Division of the College of Professional Studies.

State Certification Requirements
The following requirements must be completed in order to be recommended to the state for Teacher Certification:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for state certification
- Praxis Core Academic Skills For Educators Exam required. Passing Praxis Core Exam scores must be submitted prior to taking EDC 700 Introduction to Field Experience and Program Requirements.
- Praxis II-Multiple Subject or Middle School Content Exam Required. Students must attempt to pass Praxis II exam prior to taking the Culminating Teaching Experience & Seminar. Passing exam scores are required for State Certification.
- Pearson Foundations of Reading Exam required. Passing Pearson Foundations of Reading Exam Scores must be submitted prior to taking the Culminating Teaching Experience & Seminar.

Degree Plan
This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH CPS Online undergraduate students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year
Fall
ENG 420 The Writing Process  4
COM 460 Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics  4
MTH 402 or MTH 504 or MTH 510  4
Math for Our World or Statistics or Pre-Calculus
General Education Course  4
Credits  16
Spring
COM 480 Visual Communication  4
CRIT 501 Introduction to Critical Inquiry  4
ENG 450 Introduction to Literature  4
PSY 525 Human Development  4
Credits  16

Second Year
Fall
ENG 555 Children’s Literature  4
ENG 615 Young Adult Literature  4
ENG 620 or ENG 645 Multicultural Perspectives through Literature or Disability in Literature and Culture  4
ENG 675 Survey of Classic Literature Through Film  4
Credits  16
Spring
ENG 505 Introduction to Language and Linguistics  4
ENG 604 Creative Writing  4
ENG 730 or ENG 585 The Graphic Novel or Short Fiction  4
COM 590 Professional Communication  4
Credits  16

Third Year
Fall
CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking  4
IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar  4
EDC 500 Foundations of Education  4
EDC 700 Introduction to Field Experience and Program Requirements  1
Credits  17
Spring
EDC 701 Special Education Law  4
EDC 716 Students with Disabilities  4
EDC 717 Managing Student Behavior  4
EDC 719 Using Technology to Teach Social Studies  4
Credits  16

Fourth Year
Fall
EDC 718 Transition Planning & Developing IEPs  2
EDC 721 Assessment of Students with Disabilities  4
EDC 722 Strategies for Teaching Science  4
EDC 723 Teaching Language Arts and Literacy  6
Credits  16
Spring
EDC 724 Elementary School Mathematics Methods  4
EDC 798 Culminating Teaching Experience and Seminar  4
Credits  8
Total Credits  121

Note: Only 1 Clinical A course allowed per term
Student Learning Outcomes

- Develop a working understanding of current brain research and its implications for teaching and learning.
- Develop the skills to access and utilize technology as a tool to empower teaching and learning.
- Develop a solid understanding of the utilization of formative and summative assessment for program design, monitoring student progress and evaluating teaching effectiveness.
- Work with colleagues to observe, analyze and provide feedback on student progress and teaching effectiveness.
- Utilize research methods and materials, pedagogies and assessment strategies to teach for understanding and application specific to content area.