

SOCIAL STUDIES / ELEMENTARY EDUCATION / GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.S.)

<https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/bs/social-studies-elementary-education-general-special-education>

Description

Individuals who complete this dual licensure program will be eligible for the New Hampshire Department of Education teacher licensure in Elementary Education (K-6) and General Special Education (ages 5-22).

This program is for qualified participants working or volunteering in approved programs or education settings. The key components of this program include mentorship of the teacher candidates by highly skilled professionals, the hands-on experience of working with children in educational settings, and the opportunity to build your teaching capacity over time. Graduates of this program will be eligible for licensure in elementary education and general special education. Additionally, graduates of this program will be highly qualified in elementary education.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at UNH

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. Some programs may have higher grade requirements for Major coursework as noted in the Major requirements section below. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only 8 credits overlapped 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 8 credits overlapped between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements must be taken prior to the capstone.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select one of the following:		4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	
MTH 504	Statistics	
MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems: PSY 525		4
Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 601A	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Being Happy	4
or IDIS 601B	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Business of Beer	
or IDIS 601C	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Paranormal Activities	
Total Credits		40

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:

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	
One Writing Intensive course in the Major		
One Writing Intensive course at the 600-level or above		
One Additional Writing Intensive Course		

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 licensure.

Prior to capstone enrollment, students are expected to complete all General Education program requirements. Students should consult with their advisor regarding specific major courses that may be completed with their capstone. Refer to the Degree Plan for a sample course sequence. Academic Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Social Science, EE & GSE		
ECO 470	Principles of Economics	4
HIS 402	Great Civilizations	4
HIS 410	United States History to 1865	4
HIS 411	United States History: 1865 to the Present	4
HIS 611	Themes in World History	4
POL 450	American Government and Politics	4
SCI 470	Physical Geography	4
Declaration of Candidacy Form Required ¹		
Basic Academic Skills Assessment (BASA) Required ²		
EDC 500	Foundations of Education	4
Introductory Level Education Courses		
EDC 700	Introduction to Clinical Experience	1
EDC 701	Special Education Law	4
EDC 703	The Dynamic Role of the Special Educator	4
EDC 716	Students with Disabilities	4
EDC 717	Positive Behavior Guidance and Student Engagement	4
Intermediate Level Education Courses		
EDC 718	Transition Planning & Developing IEPs	2
EDC 721	Assessment of Students with Disabilities	4
EDC 719	Using Technology to Teach Social Studies	4

EDC 722	Strategies for Teaching Science	4
Advanced Level Education Courses		
EDC 723	Teaching Language Arts and Literacy	6
EDC 724	Elementary School Mathematics Methods	4
or EDC 733	Middle Level Mathematics Methods	
EDC 798	Culminating Teaching Experience and Seminar	4
Total Credits		77

- ¹ Required prior to beginning the last 60 credits of degree program
- ² Passing BASA scores must be submitted prior to taking EDC 700 Introduction to Clinical Experience

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 Licensure Requirements

The following requirements must be completed in order to be recommended to the state for Teacher licensure:

- A **minimum GPA of 3.0** is required for state licensure.
- **Praxis Core Academic Skills For Educators Exam** required. Passing Praxis Core Exam scores must be submitted prior to taking EDC 700 Introduction to Clinical Experience .
- **Praxis II-Elementary Education Multiple Subject** required. Students must attempt to pass a 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.

Candidates who qualify for K-8 certification must also complete a Praxis II- Middle School Content Exam and 15 content area credits.

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		
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
HIS 402	Great Civilizations	4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	4
or MTH 504	or Statistics	
or MTH 510	or Pre-Calculus	
Credits		16

Spring		
HIS 411	United States History: 1865 to the Present	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
POL 450	American Government and Politics	4
Credits		16

Second Year		
Fall		
HIS 410	United States History to 1865	4
HIS 611	Themes in World History	4
General Education Course		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
Elective		4
Credits		20

Spring		
PSY 525	Human Development	4
ECO 470	Principles of Economics	4
SCI 470	Physical Geography	4
General Education Course		4
Credits		16

Third Year		
Fall		
IDIS 601A	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Being Happy	4
or IDIS 601B	or Interdisciplinary Seminar: Business of Beer	
or IDIS 601C	or Interdisciplinary Seminar: Paranormal Activities	
EDC 500	Foundations of Education	4
EDC 700	Introduction to Clinical Experience Nonclinical; Complete CHRC Process	1
EDC 703	The Dynamic Role of the Special Educator Clinical A	4
Credits		13

Spring		
EDC 701	Special Education Law ^{Nonclinical}	4
EDC 716	Students with Disabilities ^{Nonclinical}	4
EDC 717	Positive Behavior Guidance and Student Engagement ^{Clinical A}	4
EDC 719	Using Technology to Teach Social Studies Clinical A	4
Credits		16

Fourth Year		
Fall		
EDC 718	Transition Planning & Developing IEPs Clinical B	2
EDC 721	Assessment of Students with Disabilities Clinical B	4
EDC 722	Strategies for Teaching Science ^{Clinical A}	4
EDC 723	Teaching Language Arts and Literacy ^{Clinical A}	6
Credits		16

Spring

EDC 724	Elementary School Mathematics Methods Clinical A	4
EDC 798	Culminating Teaching Experience and Seminar Clinical A	4
Credits		8
Total Credits		121

their state/territory licensing or certification board to ensure a program meets specific state/territory requirements.

Visit the Office of the Registrar's [website](#) for information about whether this program meets professional licensure requirements in your state.

Note: Only 1 Clinical A course allowed per term

Student Learning Outcomes

Program 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.
- Analyze current societal trends and issues through the context of events from pre-history to the modern era, inclusive of cultural, political, religious, technological, and scientific changes.
- Employ disciplinary methodologies to describe how the patterns of cultural interaction, interdependence, religion, migration, conflict, and trade affect globalization, nationalism, and environmental changes.
- Attribute how societal development and global interactions are shaped by political structures, ideologies of government, and policies.
- Employ scientific methods to explain the functions and processes of geophysical phenomena and the role humans play in its formation.

Disclosures

Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosures

The University of New Hampshire offers a number of academic programs designed to lead to professional licensure or certification in New Hampshire. However, completing a UNH degree/program does not guarantee professional licensure or certification. Eligibility may also depend on factors like years of work experience, professional examinations, passing a background check, and other criteria.

UNH does not guarantee that its professional licensure programs will satisfy the criteria of professional licensure boards in other states. Some states maintain different requirements for professional licensure or certification and requirements can change frequently. Federal regulations require the University to make public disclosure of certain information regarding professional licensure or certification programs, regardless of the modality the program is offered (i.e., in-person or online). The University provides guidance below but recommends students contact