

# Master of Education

## Special Education



### Elevate the educational experience for all students

Rivier University's special education programs prepare teachers to work directly with students with learning disabilities or emotional and behavioral disorders in general and special education classrooms. Students learn to consult and collaborate with other professionals and family members. Combining classroom and field-based experiences to connect coursework with practical school-based applications, the programs provide students with opportunities to develop the professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to effectively educate and accommodate students with special needs.

For specific program requirements, please refer to Rivier's graduate catalog, which is available online.

### Facilities and Resources

Rivier University's Benoit Education Center is one of the finest facilities of its kind in northern New England. The Benoit Education Center houses the Cho Educational Resource Center, an extensive K-12 curriculum library. The ERC includes recently published textbooks, educational software, a parenting resource center, a children's literature collection, videos, and more. Rivier is a statewide leader in preparing teachers to incorporate technology into their classrooms.

### Degrees & Programs —

#### Master's Degrees

##### *Special Education*

- M.Ed. Special Education
  - Initial Certification
  - Autism Specialization
  - Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities: Endorsement
  - Specific Learning Disabilities: Endorsement
- M.Ed. Education Studies
  - Special Education concentration

#### Doctoral Program

- Ed.D. Leadership and Learning

### Licensure, Partnerships & Careers —

With a Rivier education degree, graduates are eligible for certification in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories; the Department of Defense Education Activity; Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario per the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Rivier has partnerships with schools and districts throughout the region, making it easy for students seeking licensure to find an internship (student teaching) in the setting that best suits his or her goals.

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### **Brendan Hoffman '09G**

*M.Ed.*

Brendan Hoffman '09 M.Ed. says that he loves working with his special education students in the Lawrence, Massachusetts middle schools. "The kids are great—helping my students learn something new is amazing. Every day I feel like I have a chance to make a difference in someone's life."

Brendan says that his time at Rivier was a wonderful experience overall. "It really helped me hone my craft," he says. He appreciates that the program offers a good balance between information on teaching pedagogy coupled with its practical classroom application. "As a graduate student, you want the academic knowledge but also need to understand how the information applies to your work every day. At Rivier, I learned many practical teaching tools that improved my overall teaching."



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