



Rivier

UNIVERSITY

B.A.

Special Education

Help create an environment where all learners succeed.

Why Study at Rivier?

Graduates of our B.A. in Special Education program are equipped to work with Kindergarten to Grade 12 students with special needs, including learning, physical, and mental impairments and disabilities. Rivier's Special Education program includes courses in early childhood and elementary education, as well as specialized courses in evaluation, assessment, and inclusive instruction.

Build Your Knowledge Base

As a Special Education major, you have a content focus in another discipline and complete the New Hampshire State Department of Education Professional Standards for Teachers, both of which are required for licensure.

Gain Real-World Experience

Through a focus on experiential learning and field experience beginning your freshman year, you will build your skills, resume, and professional network. Our proximity to some of the finest school districts in New Hampshire offers excellent opportunities for internships and employment. You will gain practical experience through a semester-long student teaching assignment, which will build your confidence in the classroom as well as your resume, and further develop your skills.

Begin Your Career

Special Education graduates may pursue careers as:

- Special education teachers (K-12)
- Adult literacy or GED/HiSTEP educators

Advanced Degrees and Licensure

Graduates are well prepared to pursue master's degrees in education, speech pathology, and counseling and school psychology. This program is designed to meet the educational requirements necessary for licensure per the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.



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cutting-edge
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Innovation
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88 years
of educational
excellence



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of students receive
financial aid



100%
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complete
internships, field
experiences, or
service learning
programs



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Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled Journeys of Transformation, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Major Requirements

Education Core Courses

- ED 108 - Human Development and Learning
- ED 110 - Teaching, Technology, Learning Environment
- ED 285 - Fundamentals of Math I (K-3)
- ED 290 - Fostering Literacy I: Emergent through Early (Pre-K-3)
- ED 325 - Assessment Informed Instruction
- ED 360 - Integrated Methods I: Social Studies, Science, Math & Technology (K-3)
- ED 370 - Instruction and Accountability I
- ED 406 - Family and Community Leadership
- ED 420 - Student Teaching and Seminar

Special Education Courses

- ED 102 - Issues and Influences in Education
- ED 286 - Fundamentals of Math II (4-8)
- ED 291 - Fostering Literacy II: Critical Readers & Writers
- ED 361 - Integrated Methods II: Social Studies, Science, Math & Technology (4-8)
- ED 371 - Instruction and Accountability II
- ED 400 - Advanced Assessment
- ED 410 - Advocacy, Collaboration and the Law

Disciplinary Concentration Courses

Students in special education must complete their major by selecting one of the following disciplinary content areas: English, Mathematics, Sciences, or Social Studies.

Courses Needed for Licensure

- HIS 101 - United States History I
- or
- HIS 102 - United States History II
- Physical Science - Select one course from Chemistry or Physics.

Innovative

Employment Promise Program

Rivier's Employment Promise Program enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center, career investment goals, and a specialized, four-year academic/professional development plan that incorporates experiences proven to increase overall employability and success in the job search process.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/epp.

You're Invited

Attend a virtual or on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Quick Links

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