

Become an Early Childhood Education Professional.

Choose your path and make a difference in young learners' lives. With a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education, you will develop the knowledge and skills necessary for teaching and leading in the 21st century.

Rivier's M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education degree offers two options based on your career goals, Administration or Teaching. The Administration option prepares you for a variety of roles in early childhood education and leads to a New Hampshire license as a child care program director. The Teaching option leads to New Hampshire teacher licensure. With this degree, you will be prepared to work effectively with colleagues, parents, and the community to help children receive the best possible education.

Available Facilities and Resources

Beginning in 2024, Benoit Hall is undergoing extensive renovations to better support behavioral health and education programs, with a focus on advancing teaching and learning. The facility is also home to an early childhood center, offering students the opportunity to observe and work with children ages six weeks to five years.

Choose Rivier

Rivier's M.Ed. programs provide real-world assignments and hands-on experience in the field to help you put theory into practice and develop your skills. Courses are offered in seven-week and 14-week terms for added flexibility to accommodate your busy schedule and learning preferences.



Course Format

On campus, late afternoon and evenings; some online courses available



39 Credits

to complete program



2 Years

estimated program length





Course of Study

REQUIRED COURSES

EDUC 501	Fundamentals of Research
CNSL 505	Advanced Psychology of Human Development
EDUC 536	Instruction for Exceptional Students
EDUC 537	Curriculum Methods and Assessment
CNSL 626	Positive Psychology

GENERAL PEDAGOGY CORE COURSES

EDUC 520	Foundations of Reading
EDUC 526	Literacy, Literature and Writing
EDUC 568	Teaching Mathematics (Pre K-3)
EDUC 585	Methods in STEAM and Social Studies K-3

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Students take two courses from either administration or teaching option.

Administration Option:

BUSS	Two electives
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Teaching Option:

CNSL 610	Basic Human Interaction
CNSL 720	Social and Cultural Foundations

CAPSTONE PROJECT OR INTERNSHIP/SEMINAR

Administration Option:

EDUC 671	Capstone Project
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Teaching Option:

EDUC 690	Internship/Seminar: Initial Certification
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M.Ed. Program Start Dates

Six term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, October, January, March, May, or July. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Accreditation and Licensure

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




The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education: Administration fulfills the New Hampshire Bureau of Child Care Licensing requirements and standards for director licensure. The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education: Teaching prepares graduates for a New Hampshire K-3 teacher license; it is not automatic with the completion of the student teaching internship. Students must apply and be recommended for licensure after successfully completing all state and program requirements.

Apply Today

1. Submit your application online at rivier.edu/apply. There is no application fee.
2. Review and complete the application process at rivier.edu/gradadmissions.

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