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EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Academic Programs

The Educational Specialist (Ed.S) degree program in an Early Childhood Education concentration will provide students with an intensive study of content and pedagogy for improved classroom practice. The program is intended to deepen the content/subject matter knowledge base for teachers at the early childhood level. Didactic and pedagogical applications enable students to consider new practices that result in improved classroom performance. Students must select one of the following concentrations:

- Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure
- Initial Early Childhood Education PK-2 Licensure
- Professional Early Childhood Education PK-2 Licensure

Program Requirements

The Ed.S: Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure concentration requires completion of 39 credit hours. The Ed.S: Initial Licensure Early Childhood Education concentration requires completion of a minimum of 39 credit hours. Students in this concentration who elect to complete the 12-credit year-long internship experience instead of the 9-credit fallonly semester-long practicum must complete a 42 credit hour degree program. The Ed.S Professional Licensure Early Childhood Education concentration requires completion of a minimum of 39 credit hours.

Additional Program Information Title II of the Higher Education Act

Title II (Section 207 of the Higher Education Act) requires that institutions with teacher preparation programs that enroll students receiving federal financial assistance prepare annual reports on teacher preparation and licensing. The full report is distributed with admissions materials and is also available upon request.

Bay Path Pass Rates on the Massachusetts Tests of Educator Licensure (MTEL), 2022-2023

Pass rates are based on the 2022-2023 cohort of students who completed their licensure requirements during that year. These students are designated as program completers:

- Number of Program Completers = 39
- Pass Rate on the MTEL = 100%
- Early Childhood Education Non-Licensure Concentration, EdS (https://catalog.baypath.edu/graduate/academic-programs/earlychildhood-education/early-childhood-education-non-licensureconcentration-eds/)
- Initial Early Childhood Education PK-2 Licensure Concentration, EdS (https://catalog.baypath.edu/graduate/academic-programs/earlychildhood-education/initial-early-childhood-education-pk2-licensureconcentration-eds/)
- Professional Early Childhood Education PK-2 Licensure Concentration, EdS (https://catalog.baypath.edu/graduate/academic-

programs/early-childhood-education/professional-early-childhood-education-pk-2-licensure-concentration-eds/)

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program are expected to demonstrate achievement in all areas of the program. Specifically, the program will:

- Prepare students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Professional Standards for Teachers (1) Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment standard.
- Prepare students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Professional Standards for Teachers (2) Teaching All Students standard.
- Prepare students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Professional Standards for Teachers (3) Family and Community Engagement standard.
- Prepare students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Professional Standards for Teachers (4) Professional Culture.
- Students will demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills through in-class assignments and presentations, to be applied in the teaching-learning process.