Online Graduate Programs in Education
Inspiring educational leaders to facilitate change in the future of education.
Welcome to UNE

The University of New England is an innovative university grounded in the liberal arts, with two distinctive coastal Maine campuses and a top-rated online college. UNE has internationally-recognized scholars in the sciences, health, medicine and humanities; offers more than 40 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs; and is home to Maine's only medical school.

At UNE, students engage in research and scholarship opportunities alongside dedicated faculty who are committed to their academic and professional success. Our academic programs also provide students with a variety of opportunities for extensive fieldwork, clinical experiences, research, and internships for career readiness. UNE’s unique combination of expert faculty, personalized student support, advanced technology, and highest-quality course content ensures that the education received by our worldwide student body is unparalleled.

The University of New England (UNE) isn’t just any university; it’s a conduit of lifelong learning connections. UNE brings students from all walks of life together to collaborate and learn from one another. It’s a place where education transcends the regular classroom experience and becomes a forum where terms like “student” and “teacher” blur into one another.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (CGPS) VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

UNE Online, through the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, strives to enhance, expand and enrich learning opportunities in online programs. The UNE Online staff is highly invested in the success of each enrolled student from application to graduation and beyond. It is through a student-centered approach that we at UNE Online are able to uphold a solid commitment to our students to ensure that you receive a high-quality, rigorous education that provides you a true return on your investment in your professional career.
VISION
To advance the fields we serve: by functioning as a nexus for relationships between scholars and professionals, and by educating clients to lead in that evolving convergence.

MISSION
CGPS educates and supports future leaders in industry and service via programs designed to catalyze meaningful career development.

VALUES
Growth
To grow in community, infrastructure, and scope, in order to give more options while making all options stronger.

Relationships
To prioritize connection and community as the bedrock for all endeavors.

Agility
To cultivate the agency necessary to grapple with and execute on opportunities.

Sustainability
To consider ourselves an ecosystem built first upon the healthy balance of all our values, and second upon the exploratory process necessary to our evolution.
The Benefits of the Online Learning Environment are Vast

The Online Graduate Programs in Education at UNE offer quality, community and support, and hold a firm commitment to excellence in online education. Our combination of expert faculty, advanced technology, and highest-quality course content ensures that your education is unparalleled. As a learning student, you have a multitude of support and resources at your fingertips to support you through your studies.

THE UNE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM:

- Is flexible and convenient, providing 24/7 access to course materials
- Enables student-centered teaching, allowing you to engage in ways that best suit your learning style
- Encourages student interaction and increases instructor accessibility
- Facilitates increased knowledge through interaction with a global and diverse population of students and faculty
- Encourages research to practice through course assignments that are practical and applied

ONLINE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 100% online – no campus visits required
- Learn anytime from any place
- No GRE Required
- Renowned faculty of practitioners, researchers, and educators
- Strong networking forum
- Six start dates per year
- Regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
- Recognized as one of the Best Online Education Programs by U.S. News and World Report
GROWTH IN LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As an education professional, you understand that there is always an opportunity for growth in learning. The majority of states in the U.S. require educators to meet ongoing continuing education requirements for professional development, with the majority of states requiring master's level education for licensure or tenure. There is value in turning this requirement for graduate coursework completion into a full master's degree or graduate certificate.

OPEN THE DOOR TO LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A graduate degree in Education can open the door to growth and leadership opportunities in the education field, allowing you to move into administration, director level, or content area specialist. Outside of the school system, educators with graduate level training can pursue consultative, research, or training roles, and more.

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Recognized as one of the “Best Online Graduate Education Programs” by U.S. News and World Report, UNE’s online graduate degrees in education provide students with the knowledge and skills to become leaders and shape the future of education. This recognition is a credit to our expert faculty, a robust curriculum and the success of our graduates.

“"In a dynamic and changing world, online classes and programs are the ticket to succeeding in all aspects of life.

- Stephanie Marcotte
Ed.D. Program
This 30-credit Master of Science in Education is fully online with timely, relevant classes and optional focus areas for professionals looking to advance their education careers. All students take the five core courses of the curriculum, and then each student is able to select their own five electives to complete the Master of Science in Education degree.

This flexible offering allows you to customize your course plan based on your specific career goals. If you are looking into the MSEd program with the intention of applying for certification, check with your state’s Department of Education.

**CORE COURSEWORK**

- **EDU 600** Teacher as Leader
- **EDU 610** Differentiation Theory & Strategies
- **EDU 615** Motivational Theory & Class Management
- **EDU 690** Action Research
- **EDU 695** Portfolio

**FOCUS AREAS**

These focus areas can be used to guide students when building the course curriculum for their MSEd, CAGS generalist, or PMC programs.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION STRATEGIES**

Designed for the educator who is looking for a comprehensive education in a broad range of practices, the Curriculum & Instruction Strategies focus area is a synthesis of educational leadership, inclusion practice and literacy training. Upon graduation, you will have acquired a broad skill set with which to grow and expand your professional opportunities.

**FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK**

- **EDU 707** Instructional Leadership
- **EDU 721** Using Technology with Inclusion Education
- **EDU 723** Teaching and Learning in Inclusion Settings
- **EDU 742** Study Skills & Content Literacy Instruction for All
- **EDU 743** Connecting Reading with Writing for Success
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Designed for K-12 educators considering school administration. These courses are matched to the national standards set by the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (formerly ISLLC). The Master of Science in Education program with a focus area in Educational Leadership introduces the theories and practices of effective leadership centering on the importance of team building, decision-making, problem-solving, and strategic planning.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 701  Educational Leadership
EDU 702  School Law
EDU 704  Supervision and Evaluation of Instructional Personnel
EDU 709  School Finance
EDU 715  Organizational Theory and Strategic Planning

INCLUSION EDUCATION

Provides K-12 classroom teachers and administrators with critical theory and practice related to special education inclusion. The Master of Science in Education program with a focus area in Inclusion Education offers you the opportunity to study, reflect and improve professional practice based on the most recent educational research related to instructional techniques and leadership strategies.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 720  Special Education Law for the Classroom
EDU 721  Using Technology within Inclusion Education
EDU 722  Special Education Assessment in Inclusion Settings
EDU 723  Teaching and Learning in Inclusion Settings
EDU 724  Collaboration in Inclusion Settings
LITERACY K-12

Designed for K-12 educators with an interest in reading and writing to ensure student success. The Master of Science in Education with a focus area in Literacy (K-12) is for K-12 educators who wish to delve deeper into the importance of reading and writing for all students to be successful.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 740  Supporting Literacy Development for All Learners
EDU 741  Literacy Assessments
EDU 742  Study Skills & Content Literacy for All
EDU 743  Connecting Reading with Writing for Success
EDU 744  Meeting Student Literacy Challenges
This 36-credit hour program Master of Science in Education in Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach K-12 program prepares you to become a Reading Specialist / Literacy Coach in a K-12 setting, and this program is approved preparation for Literacy Specialist Certificate (092) in the State of Maine.

This program is designed to equip you with the foundational knowledge that you need to assess students and to provide targeted literacy instruction. It prepares you to take a leadership role in your school and districts to support fellow educators in their goal of improving students’ literacy growth. Through coursework that engages you in collaborative relationships around issues in literacy education, you will explore the dispositions, knowledge, and skills that literacy leaders need to be successful.

The literacy concentration is taught by a highly qualified, cohesive team of experienced educators with first-hand knowledge of literacy best practices. Drawing upon modern literacy skills and the use of emerging technologies, you will discover that this program will expand your teaching knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

The online Master of Science in Education in Reading Specialist / Literacy Coach K-12 is designed to provide proven theories and strategies that you can put directly into practice, while also highlighting the latest technologies and methodologies in Literacy.

**CORE COURSEWORK**

- **EDU 600** Teacher as Leader
- **EDU 610** Differentiation Theory & Strategies

**CONCENTRATION COURSEWORK**

- **EDU 740** Supporting Literacy Development for All Learners
- **EDU 741** Literacy Assessments
- **EDU 742** Study Skills & Content Literacy for All
- **EDU 743** Connecting Reading with Writing for Success
- **EDU 744** Meeting Student Literacy Challenges
- **EDU 746** Professional Learning and Literacy Leadership
- **EDU 747** Literacy for English Language Learners
- **EDU 748** Literacy for Inclusion Settings
- **EDU 749** Reading Diagnosis: Clinical Practice I
- **EDU 750** Reading Instructional Intervention: Clinical Practice II
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study - CAGS

This 30-credit Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study program allows you to concentrate on any combination of 10 courses that are most closely applicable to the area in which you are working or that interests you.

This CAGS program allows you, as a school leader, to design a post-master’s program of study based on your district’s needs and your state’s requirements. This CAGS program does not align with any particular state certification requirements. If certification is your goal, you may wish to consider the CAGS – Advanced Educational Leadership program.

The CAGS focuses on developing leaders through advanced instruction in:

- Team building
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Strategic planning
- Analyzing leadership through observation
- Learn to effectively motivate and lead teachers

This program requires completion of 10 post-master’s courses for a total of 30 credits. Additional focus is placed on instructional leadership and tools to use to effectively motivate and lead teachers. The CAGS is tailored to the daily life of a working teacher and includes an immersive education experience within the student’s own classroom.

Discussion topics include:

- The changing state of education in the US
- School reform
- School culture
- Educational initiatives
- Supervision and evaluation strategies
- School and community relations
- Communication
- Ethics
- Finance
- Strategic planning
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Advanced Educational Leadership

This 30-credit Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Advanced Educational Leadership (CAGS AEL) program is an online educational leadership certificate that provides a thorough foundation in educational leadership theory, principles, and practices.

Please note: In the State of Maine, this CAGS leads to a Principal – Building Administrator Certificate (040). If you will be working outside of the State of Maine, UNE Online highly recommends that you research your specific state requirements for entry level into assistant principal or principal positions before entering this (or any) program.

This CAGS AEL program meets Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (formerly ISLLC) standards. It is important for you to research your specific state licensure requirements to ensure this degree meets those requirements.

This program requires completion of 10 specific post-master’s courses (30 credits).

Emphasis is on developing the knowledge and skills needed by school administrators and other educators who wish to assume significant leadership roles in their schools, educational institutions and communities. Students will address:

- The complex laws and regulations that govern school administration
- Specific legal principles
- Teacher responsibilities
- Negotiation tactics
- Collective bargaining
- The laws and policy that impact education
CAGS AEL COURSEWORK

EDU 701 Educational Leadership
EDU 702 School Law
EDU 703 Educational Change / School Reform
EDU 704 Supervision and Evaluation of Instructional Personnel
EDU 706 School-Community Relations & Communications
EDU 707 Instructional Leadership
EDU 709 School Finance
EDU 715 Organizational Theory and Strategic Planning
EDU 720 Special Education Law for the Classroom
EDU 791 Internship I
EDU 792 Internship II (Optional)

“I have been able to engage with students not only within Maine, but also from a distance, and I enjoy being able to do a lot of learning while also supporting my family and doing my job.”

- Devon Gallice
CAGS AEL Program
Post-Master’s Certificate - **PMC**

Our online Post-Master’s Certificate is a 15-credit program designed to help you advance your teaching abilities and cover a range of educational and leadership topics. You may choose any combination of five 3-credit courses to customize your program, or, there are several pre-designed areas that you may choose to focus on.

*Please note that although none of the Post Master’s Certificates lead to certification on their own, although many contain state-approved courses. Speak with your enrollment counselor to learn more.*

UNE Online’s Post-Master’s Certificate is comprised of high quality and innovative curricula that will teach you skills that you can immediately apply in your classroom. This program will give you the tools to make a difference in your community and in your career.

**POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE OPTIONAL FOCUS AREAS**

- Curriculum & Instruction Strategies
- Educational Leadership
- Inclusion Education
- Reading Specialist / Literacy Coach K-12
- Literacy (K-12)
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION STRATEGIES

Professional development is important in any field, but in education where the stakes are high, it’s absolutely essential. UNE’s 15-credit Post-Master’s Certificate in Curriculum & Instruction Strategies is designed to develop you as a teacher in multiple areas, giving you a broad skill set that will allow you to be more effective in your classroom and school. You will learn to develop better curriculum, become a better leader, advance your inclusion teaching methods and design current models for curriculum to ensure that materials meet appropriate content and learning goals.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 707  Instructional Leadership
EDU 721  Using Technology within Inclusion Education
EDU 723  Teaching and Learning in Inclusion Settings
EDU 742  Study Skills & Content Literacy for All
EDU 743  Connecting Reading with Writing for Success

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

If you wish to establish yourself as a mentor and partner with your peers, consider UNE’s 15-credit Post-Master’s Certificate in Educational Leadership. This certificate focuses on acquiring an understanding of how to effectively represent your colleagues by taking a leadership role in your school or district.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 701  Educational Leadership
EDU 702  School Law
EDU 704  Supervision and Evaluation of Instructional Personnel
EDU 709  School Finance
EDU 715  Organizational Theory and Strategic Planning
READING SPECIALIST / LITERACY COACH K-12

The Post-Master’s Certificate in Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach K-12 program is a 15-credit post-master’s program that prepares you to become a Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach in a K-12 setting. The courses are designed to equip you with the foundational knowledge that you need to assess students and to provide targeted literacy instruction.

This course track prepares you to take a leadership role in your school and districts to support fellow educators in their goal of improving students' literacy growth. Through coursework that engages you in collaborative relationships around issues in literacy education, you will explore the dispositions, knowledge, and skills that literacy leaders need to be successful.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 746  Professional Learning and Literacy Leadership
EDU 747  Literacy for English Language Learners
EDU 748  Literacy for Inclusion Settings
EDU 749  Reading Diagnosis: Clinical Practice I
EDU 750  Reading Instructional Intervention: Clinical Practice II

LITERACY K-12

You can never be too proficient in your ability to encourage reading and writing talent, which is why UNE designed this 15-credit Post-Master’s Certificate in Literacy. With this program, you will advance student literacy while instilling an understanding that reading and writing is the foundation from which all other learning takes place.

FOCUS AREA COURSEWORK

EDU 740  Supporting Literacy Development for All Learners
EDU 741  Literacy Assessments
EDU 742  Study Skills & Content Literacy for All
EDU 743  Connecting Reading with Writing for Success
EDU 744  Meeting Student Literacy Challenges
At UNE, the majority of our online graduate education courses are available for you to take individually without needing to apply to complete a full degree. Individual courses may make sense for you if you:

- Are looking to fulfill a certification requirement
- Have a gap in your portfolio
- Have continuing education credits floating around, and need a course or two to turn them into a certificate or something meaningful
- Need graduate credits to fulfill re-certification requirements
- Have been assigned a new teaching role, and need additional training that is not in your area of expertise

To complete the abbreviated application process and register for one of our courses as a non-matriculated student, contact our enrollment team at education@une.edu.
Doctorate of Education - **Ed.D.**

UNE Online offers a 51 credit hour online doctoral program in Education. This Ed.D. will prepare you to transform self, organization, and community through focused, flexible study.

*Please note: If your goal is to become an Administrator in the State of Maine, and you currently have your Master’s Degree, the 30-credit CAGS in Advanced Educational Leadership is the program that would lead to Building Administrator 040 certification in the State of Maine.*

You will become powerfully positioned to build allies with others striving for common outcomes as well as collaborate with individuals with divergent values and perspectives. This three-year program (including dissertation) is completed entirely online with no residency requirement.

The UNE Ed.D. program is well-matched for individuals working in:

- Education
- Healthcare
- Nonprofit Organizations (NPO)
- Non-governmental Organizations (NGO)
- Private Organizations
- Public Agencies
PROGRAM GOALS

- Prepare leaders who are future-focused and capable of fostering innovation and change.
- Promote a continuing cadre of educators who maintain active connections and collaboration with one another, with schools, communities and professional groups.
- Establish a higher education program that is technologically sophisticated, educationally effective, and academically rigorous.
- Build a national reputation based upon transformative collaborative action research.
- Provide each candidate with a carefully selected faculty mentoring team contributing actively to the candidate’s progress with their program of study, their research, and their dissertation, beyond what is usually available with a single advisor.

EMPHASIS ON TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP

Transform Self
Engage in leadership reflection activities to identify your strengths, pinpoint areas for growth, and align your individual development goals.

Transform Organizations
Draw from the tenets of organization development theory, critical social theory, and adult development to analyze and influence the culture of your organization.

Transform Communities
Refine your leadership stance to interact more fully with the communities you serve. Imagine the organization in which you work as an organic system that can respond to the needs of the community.
CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

This online Ed.D. program design specifically supports your development as a transformative leader through formal study of your organization, participatory research processes, and collaborative decision making. Professionals engage in:

- Instruction that includes online lectures, instructor-led discussions and assessments, small group interactions, and limited, flexible synchronous sessions.
- Preparation outside of class that includes readings, project development, and applied research.
- Completion of a culminating dissertation that employs your professional knowledge and new learning and demonstrates transformative leadership, organization, and community change.

“If you believe in yourself, you want to better yourself, and you want to better the world, the University of New England is the place to go... You’ll become a transformative leader in an ever-changing world.”

- Mike Wilbur
EdD Program
Admission Requirements

The University of New England makes it easy to renew and expand your passion for teaching, administration, and education. Enrollment should be a stress-free experience. Our enrollment counselors are well trained to take you through the application process seamlessly. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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Reciprocity, Accreditation, and Tuition

STATE RECIPROCITY

UNE’s 100% online graduate degree programs confer the same degrees as our on-campus graduate degrees, and all of our programs are designed to align with State of Maine certification requirements. We encourage you to research the state certification requirements for the state in which you intend to teach.

The University of New England is committed to providing you with all of the facts needed to decide which degree program is right for you. To assist you in identifying principal licensure or certification requirements for your state please contact an enrollment counselor at education@une.edu.

ACCREDITATION

The University of New England is regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). NECHE is the nation’s oldest regional accrediting association and is committed to establishing and maintaining high levels of education, from pre-kindergarten through the higher education doctoral level. Accreditation is the review of the quality of educational institutions and programs. In the United States, accreditation is a key measure used to identify institutions and programs that provide a high-quality education.

Regional accreditation is the primary type of institutional accreditation in the United States. Many educational institutions holding regional accreditation do not recognize credits or degrees earned at institutions that are nationally accredited.
As an online student, you are integral to our UNE community. Though you may be miles from our physical campuses, you are never far from our thoughts. You play an essential role in the life of the University.

Student Financial Services is dedicated to helping you and other online students navigate the financial aid process. We offer you the same level of service we provide to our campus-based students. As an online student, you can expect to have all the necessary financial aid information at your fingertips, from accessing your bill and accepting your aid, to attentive email communication and program information.

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The University of New England has repeatedly claimed a spot in U.S. News & World Report’s rankings for Best Online Graduate Education Programs. UNE has also received high marks in the student engagement category.