



UNE Online
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Guide to Online Programs

Educating and supporting future leaders in industry and service via programs designed to catalyze meaningful career development.

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 dental and medical schools.

At UNE, students engage in research and scholarship opportunities beside dedicated faculty who are committed to students' academic and professional success. Our academic programs provide students with a variety of opportunities for extensive fieldwork, clinical experiences, research, and other tools for career readiness.

UNE's unique combination of expert faculty, personalized student support, advanced technology, and highest-quality curriculum ensures that the education received by our worldwide student body is unparalleled.



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Why UNE Online?

The University of New England holds a firm commitment to excellence in online education. Through the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, UNE Online is an innovative and established leader in the online learning community.

THE UNE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM:

- Is flexible and convenient, providing 24/7 access to course materials.
- Enables student-centered teaching for further engagement and immersion.
- Encourages student interaction and increases instructor accessibility.
- Facilitates learning through interaction with a global and diverse population of students and faculty.
- Fosters continuous connection of academic knowledge to real-world scenarios through course assignments that are practical and applied.

ONLINE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- No campus visits required – 100% online.
- Learn anytime from anywhere you have an internet connection.
- No GRE required.
- Dynamic faculty of scholar-practitioners, researchers, and educators.
- Regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Accreditation

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.

NEW ENGLAND COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of New England is regionally accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), which accredits schools and colleges in the six New England states. Accreditation by the Commission indicates that the institution has been carefully evaluated and found to meet standards agreed upon by qualified educators.

Regional accreditation is the primary type of institutional accreditation recognized in the United States. Many educational institutions holding regional accreditation do not recognize credits or degrees earned at institutions that are nationally accredited, which is important if one plans to transfer from one college or university to another part way through a degree program, or to pursue additional degrees at different colleges or universities.







Programs

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 students receive a high-quality, rigorous education that provides them a true return on their investment in their professional career.

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Graduates of the University of New England Master of Social Work program learn to understand the potential for individual and collective human development when people live with dignity and social justice; to identify people's strengths across diverse populations and how to build upon them; to understand the multiple social, cultural, political, and economic factors influencing the design, development, and evaluation of social policies and programs; to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out multiple social work interventions consistent with the School's mission and the profession's ethics; and to develop intervention strategies that empower individuals, families, groups, or communities.

The University of New England's online Master of Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States.

All students are encouraged to research the **licensing requirements** for the state in which they intend to practice.



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) TRADITIONAL TRACK

- 64 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just over 3 years
- Requires two field placements, one 400-hour placement in their generalist year and one 500-hour placement in their specialist year.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) ADVANCED STANDING TRACK

- Graduation from CSWE-accredited BSW program required; graduation within the last 7 years preferred
- 32 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 16 months
- Requires one field placement (500 hours total)



Graduate Programs in Public Health

The University of New England's online Graduate Programs in Public Health are focused on practice and management, and provide students with the basic knowledge, skills and values to gain employment or get promoted in the field of public health. With a mission centered on teaching, research, and service, the online Graduate Programs in Public Health boasts a renowned faculty who are leaders in public health research with extensive collaborative partnerships in the public health community.

The Master of Public Health and Graduate Certificate in Public Health programs at the University of New England are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Public Health students are supported by a dedicated career services department and have a number of career-enhancing opportunities such as the chance to join the UNE American Public Health Association – Student Assembly (APHA-SA) and/or be recognized by the Delta Omega Honorary Society – UNE Chapter, Gamma Chi.



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

- 46 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as little as 18 months
- Curriculum includes an applied public health practice experience that provides students with the opportunity to work in public health organizations in their communities, and network extensively with the public health workforce prior to graduation
- Designed to enhance students' skills in a variety of professional areas including analysis, communication, international health, program development and planning, financial management, leadership, policy, ethics and law

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH (GCPH)

- 18 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as little as 1 year
- Provides students with the core public health concepts they need to either enhance their professional knowledge or to pursue a graduate degree in the field
- All certificate program courses are transferable to UNE's MPH degree program





Graduate Programs in Education

The mission of the Graduate Programs in Education is to develop—through research, service, and innovative teaching—reflective teachers and leaders who are competent and caring lifelong learners. In addition, four guiding principles are used in the development of and delivery of all programs and courses: rigorous mind, compassionate heart, reflective stance, and competent demonstration.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DESIGNING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Designing Learning Experiences is designed to provide students with the instructional design methodologies and skills, informed by learning science, needed to design effective online learning experiences. This certificate is ideal for individuals aspiring to work in the field of learning experience or instructional design or who feel this skill set would help achieve their professional goals in online learning.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING ONLINE

The 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Teaching Online is designed to provide educators with a rigorous and practical introduction to the skills and knowledge needed to design, develop, deliver, and evaluate courses in engaging online formats, and understand the necessary components of the entire online learning ecosystem. This certificate is ideal for individuals working in a K-12 or higher education setting who are passionate about online learning and want to improve their ability to teach and design online courses.

- 12-credit hour certificates, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as eight months
- Credits earned may be applied to the MEd program

Graduate Programs in Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (MSEd)

The Master of Science in Education (MSEd) at UNE offers timely, relevant classes and optional focus areas for educators looking to advance their 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 students to customize their course plan based on their specific career goals.

- 30 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- Optional focus areas in:
 - Curriculum & Instruction Strategies
 - Literacy (K-12)
 - Educational Leadership
 - Inclusion Education
 - Online Learning Design (NEW)
 - Individualized

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION – READING SPECIALIST (MSED-RS)

This program prepares students to become a Reading Specialist or Literacy Coach in a K-12 setting. The courses in this program are designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge that they need to assess their students and to provide targeted literacy and reading instruction. The program also prepares students to take a leadership role in their school and districts to support fellow educators in their goals of improving students' literacy and reading growth.

- 36 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- Approved preparation for Literacy Specialist Certificate (092) in the State of Maine. For those looking into our programs with the intention of applying for certification in another state, we recommend reviewing **specific requirements** in your state.

Graduate Programs in Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MSED-EL)

This program prepares students to become an assistant principal or principal in a K-12 setting. Our MSED-EL program is aligned with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL), and provides a thorough foundation in educational leadership theory, principles, and practices such as: school finance, special education law, school-community relations and more. Additional focus is placed on instructional leadership and tools to use to effectively motivate and lead educators within your school.

- 30 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- Approved preparation for the Building Administrator (040) endorsement in the State of Maine. For those looking into our programs with the intention of applying for certification in another state, we recommend reviewing **specific requirements** in your state.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION – INCLUSION EDUCATION (MSED-IE)

This program prepares students to become special education teachers. Within this program, students will learn co-teaching instructional practices, how to model, teach, and nurture behavioral skills, and much more. Our faculty members include highly qualified and experienced educators with first-hand knowledge of inclusion practices. Our program strives to give you the skills to successfully lead an inclusive classroom.

- 30 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- Approved preparation for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities (282) endorsement in the State of Maine. For those looking into our programs with the intention of applying for certification in another state, we recommend reviewing **specific requirements** in your state.

Graduate Programs in Education

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY (CAGS)

The 30-credit Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) allows students to choose any combination of ten courses that are most applicable to their area in which they are working or that interests them. It is tailored to the experiences of an educational professional who aspires to a leadership role.

- 30 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- An internship is not mandatory for this CAGS program
- This certificate allows students to transfer in up to two 3-credit classes for a total of six credits.

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY IN ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (CAGS-AEL)

The CAGS AEL program is an online educational leadership certificate that provides a thorough foundation in educational leadership theory, principles, and practices. 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. Additional focus is placed on instructional leadership and tools to use to effectively motivate and lead educators.

- 30 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in just under two years
- Requires an internship, which is a self-designed experience that consists of 150 hours (10 hours/week for 15 weeks) at a site other than the school in which the student works

Please note: In the State of Maine, this CAGS-AEL leads to a Building Administrator Certificate (O40). 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 program.

Graduate Programs in Education

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE (PMC)

The 15-credit Post-Master's Certificate (PMC) is designed to help students advance their teaching abilities and cover a range of educational and leadership topics. Students may choose any combination of five 3-credit courses to customize their certificate, or there are several focus areas that they may choose to specialize in such as educational leadership, inclusion education, and literacy. This certificate will give students the tools to make a difference in their community as well as in their careers.

- 15 credit hour certificate, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in less than one year
- Optional focus areas in:
 - Curriculum & Instruction Strategies
 - Literacy (K-12)
 - Educational Leadership
 - Inclusion Education
 - Individualized

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (Ed.D.)

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program supports students' development as a leader through formal study of their organization, participatory research processes, and collaborative decision making all within a cohort format. This specific skill set allows students to demonstrate the ability to shape and optimize an institution at every level: individual, group, or organization-wide. The Ed.D. program is ideal for leaders in various industries including Education (K-12 or Higher Education), Healthcare, Nonprofit Organizations (NPO), Non-governmental Organizations (NGO), Private Organizations, and Public Agencies.

- 51 credit hour program, with six enrollment periods per year
- Complete in three years or fewer completely online; there is no residency requirement, and the dissertation is presented over video conference
- Strong network forum and cohort format
- Accepts up to four 3-credit transfer courses from PMC, CAGS, or other post-master's programs taken within the last five years

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-AEL is the program that would lead to Building Administrator O40 certification in the State of Maine.



Master of Science in Applied Nutrition (MSAN)

The mission of the Master of Science in Applied Nutrition program is to prepare individuals for leadership roles in the field of nutrition, to advance knowledge and expand skills that promote excellence and innovation in all areas of nutrition practice, and to emphasize evidence-based best practices to support the well-being and health outcomes of individuals, families, and communities through education, research, and scholarship.

- 36 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete as quickly as two years
- Consists of six core courses, four electives, one co-requisite course, and one capstone
- Optional focus areas include:
 - Non-Diet Approaches to Health Promotion
 - Nutrition and Disease Prevention
 - Sustainable Nutrition
 - Individualized

The University of New England's M.S. in Applied Nutrition program fulfills part of the current academic requirements for the Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS) designation. This designation requires a graduate degree in the field of nutrition from a regionally accredited university, specific coursework, and 1,000 hours of supervised experience.

Please note: States have varying requirements as to who can legally provide nutrition care, so UNE Online highly recommends that students research their **state's specific requirements** before entering this program.



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Setting the Standard for Advanced Nutrition Professionals

Dietetics Focus Area

Earning the title Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) demonstrates to your community and industry that you are a clinically competent food and nutrition expert and leader in the field of dietetics. RDN's offer preventative and ongoing nutrition therapy services and interpret the science behind nutrition, applying evidence-based principles in care, education, food service and community settings to help individuals achieve optimal health and wellness.

Successful graduates of the MS Applied Nutrition, Dietetics focus, will receive a verification statement allowing them to sit for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist registration exam, administered by the Commission of Dietetic Registration (CDR).

With a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist credential, there are multiple career opportunities to choose from based on your individual interests. Similar to other industries, the earning potential can vary based on region, level of education, years of experience, and breadth of role responsibility.

- ACEND® accredited
- 48 credit hour program
- Three enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 2 years
- One of only a few Graduate programs in Dietetics that combines coursework and Supervised Experiential Learning (SEL) -- with no campus visits or relocation required
- Among the first 25 programs to be accredited under the Future Education Model (FEM-FG)
- Requires fewer prerequisite courses than most other Dietetics programs





Graduate Programs in Health Informatics

Health informatics connects people, technology and data to improve healthcare outcomes by supporting operational and technological advancements. This field is rapidly growing, but it's also facing a shortage of qualified professionals. UNE Online offers three programs that will prepare students to become a leader in this exciting field.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS

- 36 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 2 years
- Optional focus areas include:
 - Healthcare Leadership
 - Health Data Analytics
 - Training and Development
 - Individualized



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS

- 18 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 12 months
- All certificate program courses are transferable to the Master of Science in Health Informatics degree program

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYTICS

- 12 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 6 months.



Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA)

The Master of Healthcare Administration program is designed with curricular agility in mind, built with courses routinely updated to align with employer needs in the accelerating field of healthcare. It cultivates career-ready professionals prepared to advance the healthcare industry and shape its future through learning innovative technologies, health policy and regulation, and healthcare planning and management.

This graduate-level program cultivates career-ready professionals prepared to advance the industry forward and shape its future through learning innovative technologies, health policy and regulation, and healthcare planning and management.

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

- 36 credit hour program, with 6 enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 2 years
- Optional focus areas include:
 - Health Data Analytics
 - Public Health
 - Individualized

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH DATA QUALITY

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH POLICY, LAW, AND COMPLIANCE

All four of these graduate certificates are 12 credit hours (4 courses), can be completed in as few as six months, and are transferable to the Master of Healthcare Administration program.

Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Health (PBPH)

The Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Health Certificate is designed for students who want to pursue an advanced degree in healthcare or medicine but have yet to complete the health science courses required for admission into health or medical school, allowing you to complete your coursework sooner and more affordably.

This Post-Bacc Pre-Health certificate program has customizable curriculum, addressing the needs of students interested in applying to: medical school, PA (physicians assistant) school, veterinary school, pharmacy school, dental school, NP (nurse practitioner) school, PT (physical therapy) school, OT (occupational therapy) school, RD (registered dietitian) school, or other graduate health professional programs.

- 18-30 credit hour program
- Three enrollment periods per year
- Complete in as few as 12 months
- Optional program tracks include:
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - Pharmacy
 - Physician Assisstant
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - And more

Science Prerequisites for the Health Professions (SPHP)

The Science Prerequisites for Health Professions (SPHP) online courses are for students who wish to enter a health professions program but may need just one or two courses to fill a gap in their transcript. These courses are taken as needed and do not require students to be enrolled in an overall program.

SPHP students often utilize these courses for prerequisite requirements found in health professions graduate programs such as dental, dietetics & nutrition, MD/DO, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, veterinary, and more.

- Learn on your own schedule with a self-paced format
- Courses begin every two to three weeks
- Designed to be completed within 16 weeks
- Registration portal open 24/7
- Designated student service advisors
- Renowned faculty
- 100% online – no campus visits required
- Labs completed online or at home

COURSES OFFERED

(SOME HAVE A LECTURE COMPONENT, LAB COMPONENT, OR BOTH)

- Anatomy
- Genetics
- Biology I & II
- Biochemistry
- Calculus I & II and Precalculus
- Cell Biology
- General Chemistry I & II
- College Algebra
- Medical Physiology
- Medical Terminology
- Microbiology
- Organic Chemistry I & II
- Pathophysiology
- Physics I & II
- Principles of Human Nutrition
- Statistics
- Psychology (Introduction to, Developmental, and Abnormal)
- Statistics and Introduction to Statistics

Non-Matriculated Courses

At UNE Online, the majority of our 100% online courses are available to take individually as a non-matriculated student.

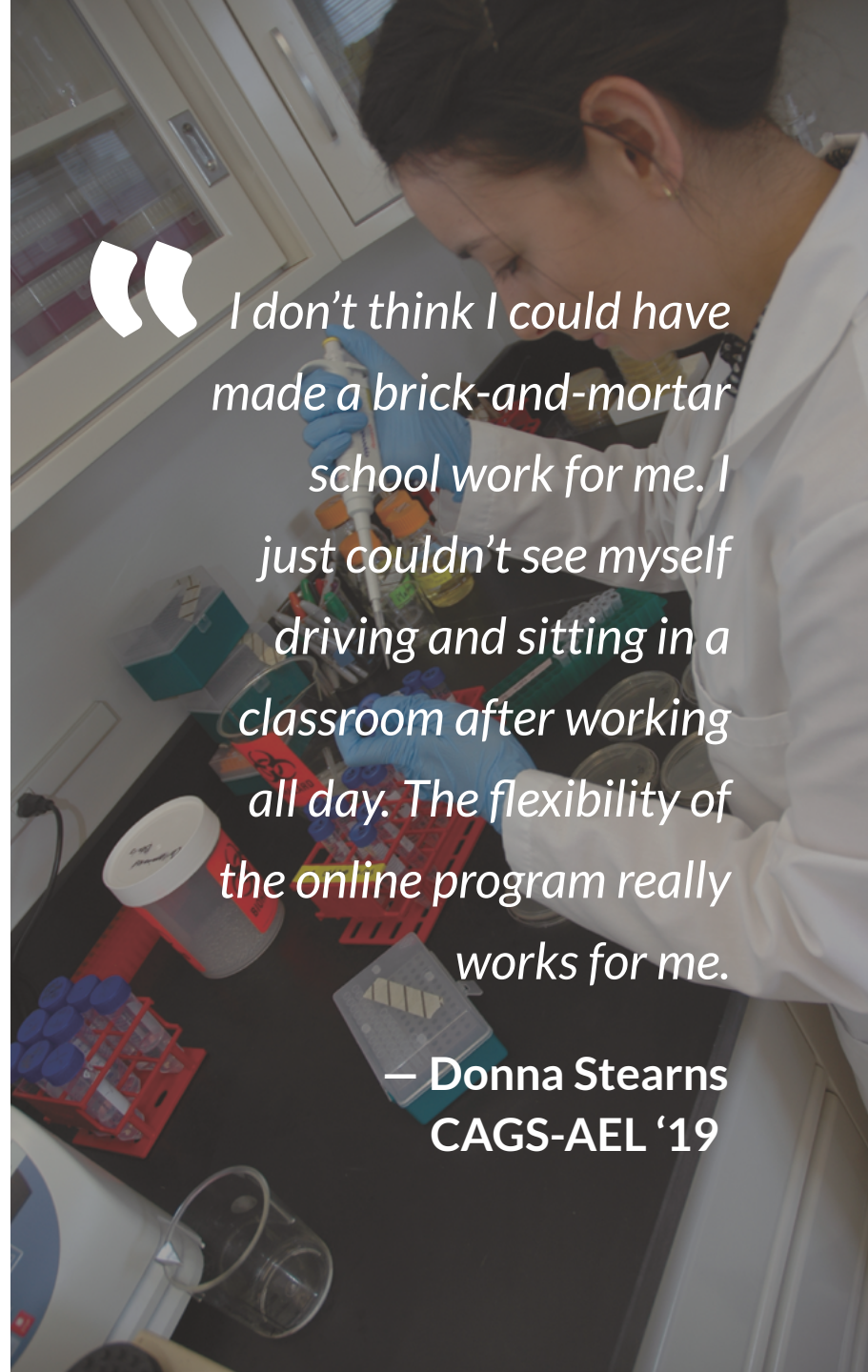
- Are you looking for professional development opportunities?
- Are you looking to fulfill a certification requirement?
- Do you have a gap in your portfolio?
- Do you have Continuing Education credits floating around, and need a course or two to turn them into a certificate or something meaningful?
- Do you need graduate credits to fulfill re-certification requirements?
- Have you been assigned a new teaching role, and need additional training that is not in your area of expertise?

At UNE Online, we have course offerings that can help students fulfill certification requirements or skill gaps. All of our courses are eight weeks long and are offered at several start times per year. We have the flexibility to accommodate whatever schedule students may have, whenever they need to start.



I don't think I could have made a brick-and-mortar school work for me. I just couldn't see myself driving and sitting in a classroom after working all day. The flexibility of the online program really works for me.

**— Donna Stearns
CAGS-AEL '19**



Admissions

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MATRICULATED PROGRAMS*

- Complete the online graduate application at <https://go.une.edu/apply>
- Submit official transcript(s) reflecting conferral of a bachelor's (and if applicable, master's) degree. Applicants with international degrees should contact an enrollment counselor for more information.
- Include an updated professional resume / CV.
- Write and submit a goal statement / essay of 500 – 1000 words. This statement should describe personal development and future goals; relevant professional experience; interest in graduate study; and the capacity to succeed in a distance learning format, i.e. self-motivated, self-started, comfortable with and access to a computer and the internet.
- Submit a \$40 non-refundable application fee.
- Individual program application requirements may vary. For example, some programs ask for contact information for references.

*There are no admissions requirements for Science Prerequisites for Health Professions students. Those looking for science prerequisite courses can simply register themselves at <https://go.une.edu/register>

REQUIREMENTS FOR MATRICULATED PROGRAMS*

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or its equivalent.
- The CAGS, CAGS-AEL, PMC, and Ed.D. programs also require a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution or its equivalent.
- Individual program admissions requirements such as minimum GPA, employment environment, and previous coursework may vary.
- The MSAN RDN focus area also requires students to have completed 400 approved hours (equivalent to all SEL hours required for the first year of courses) of the required 1050 hours total Supervised Experiential Learning Sites.

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

See <https://online.une.edu/admissions/international-admission> for more details.

Admissions

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- Access to a computer and the internet
 - Hardware and internet connection may be incompatible in cases of employer-provided computers and networks, public computers, and public internet hotspots
- Internet speed
 - 1.5 Mbps upload and download required
 - Basic broadband (4 Mbps) recommended
 - Speedtest.net allows you to test the speed at your location
- Webcam – 1280 x 720 (1 megapixel) resolution recommended
- Microphone
- Speakers
- Microsoft Office
 - Free and available to students with their une.edu account via Office 365
 - Includes Microsoft Outlook for your @une.edu email
- Access to a scanner

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in any of the **Science Prerequisites for Health Professionals** courses will also need the following:

- An internet connection that meets the **ProctorU equipment check report card**
- Adobe Flash
- Access to an external or internal optical drive
- UNE-approved external webcam with 127° wide angle lens

Tuition & Financial Aid

Tuition and fee information for each program can be found in the individual program guides or on our website, <http://online.une.edu>.

Please note that graduate tuition and fee rates are subject to change and that students are expected to pay for textbooks and materials at the beginning of the semester. Books, supplies and other items are available at the UNE Bookstore or through other online channels.

FINANCIAL AID

Investing in your future is a big financial commitment, which is why the University of New England is proud to offer accredited and quality online education at a competitive price.

Financing a college education is a partnership between the student, their family, and the University. The Financial Aid Office at UNE is available to assist online students and their families in finding the financial means necessary to achieve their educational goals.



Resources & Support

The University of New England is committed to student success, and we understand that success impacts the overall student experience. That's why we work hard to provide students with the very best student experience possible. We provide personalized support with all aspects of the student journey, including application, registration, and academics, so that students can focus on successfully completing their program.

STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

In order to ensure their success, a student support specialist is assigned to every student who enters one of our online programs. From the moment students enter the program, a support specialist is by their side answering any questions, providing access to all of the resources that UNE Online has to offer, and ultimately guiding them from registration through graduation.

Dedicated student support specialists can help with the following:

- Notifications about textbooks and other course resources
- Posting announcements about course or schedule revisions
- Assistance with course registration
- Contacting a faculty member
- Navigating the course site or using course tools
- General course information or questions
- And more

Resources & Support

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

The Student Academic Success Center (SASC) provides a comprehensive array of academic support services including workshops, tutoring, writing support, and individual learning consultations specifically relevant to online students. For students' convenience, SASC can be contacted by phone, email, video conferencing, or in person.

SASC's mission is to empower students to become more independent and efficient learners so that students are able to meet the University's academic standards and attain their personal educational goals.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Career Center
- Writing Support
- Student Financial Services
- Library Services
- Learning Management System (Brightspace) Tutorials
- Student Access Center
- Technology Support



“UNE has a family feel to it. It feels like a close-knit community. I can reach out to anybody, and I am confident that I will get answers, and that people will treat me very respectfully. I am very happy I chose UNE over other places that I was accepted because at UNE they don't look at you like a number, they look at you like a person.”

— Dr. Puneet Saini
MPH '19

FAQs

DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

What should I look for in a distance education degree program?

The strongest distance education programs are those with proven track records, experience low student attrition rates, receive consistently high student satisfaction scores and require minimal travel. The University of New England has all of these important attributes.

Can I transfer previous course credits into a certificate or degree program?

To request consideration for transfer credit, the student must provide an official transcript, a course syllabus, and complete the transfer credit form. For a copy of the transfer credit form, contact your enrollment counselor. Transfer credit is awarded at the discretion of the individual Program Director. Each program has different standards on the maximum amount of credits that can be transferred in.

What is considered full-time student status?

Students taking one three-credit course per 8-week session and two 8-week sessions per semester are considered full time students and eligible to receive financial aid.

Can I complete my degree while working full-time?

Yes, our programs are specifically designed with the working professional in mind. In fact, in a recent poll of UNE Online alumni, the vast majority (90%) reported that they were working while completing their degree, and 78% reported working full-time in their intended field of study during their academic program.

Do I have to log on at specified times to attend / listen to class sessions?

No. All of our courses are 100% asynchronous, so students choose when to log in and complete their coursework. In the event there is a live session, the instructor will make the video available for viewing at any time.

How many hours per week will I need to study?

On average, most students spend 15-20 hours per week studying to ensure completion of six credits each semester. However, this can vary greatly depending on personal and professional circumstances.

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SCIENCE PREREQUISITES FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COURSES

Do I need to apply to UNE?

No. Our online science prerequisites courses are not part of a matriculated degree or certificate program. Students can simply register and pay online for the course(s) that they need.

Will these credits be accepted by my college, university, or professional school?

Students are strongly advised to check with someone of authority at the school of their choice to be sure online distance credits are accepted.

When can I register?

Students can register for any of our SPHP courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, online.

How many courses can I register for at one time?

Students are recommended to register for no more than two courses, but are strongly encouraged to take only one course at a time.

How soon can I complete my course(s)?

There is no minimum time requirement, courses can be completed at a faster pace depending on the student's time management and knowledge of course content. The average completion time for most students is 10-14 weeks. Please be aware that these courses are designed to take 16 weeks to complete.





The University of New England has repeatedly claimed a spot in U.S. News & World Report's rankings for Best Online Graduate Education Programs.

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