



SPECIAL EDUCATION

FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEGREE



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT.....

Ashley Pietrowski '15

Dual Language Special Education Teacher, Holyoke Public Schools

“The coursework at Franklin Pierce gave me a basic understanding of working in education, but it was the hands-on student teaching experience that helped me master technical skills needed to manage a classroom and teach. The professors, small classes and close-knit community all prepared me to reach my potential in life and my career.”

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

You see the potential for growth in every child, and you’re driven to find the key to unlock it. With your major in General Special Education or double majors in General Special Education and Elementary Education, you’ll gain the tools and practical experience you need to help children with learning needs or disabilities reach important academic goals. A wide variety of classrooms and care facilities in many parts of the world provide opportunities to work directly with children, train teachers, and caregivers, and run programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You will study core concepts in instructional strategy, while learning to integrate technology and build inclusive learning environments. You will master methods of assessment to guide your teaching and develop an ethical understanding of a teacher’s responsibility to children, parents, and the larger community.

STEPHANIE BISBING '18



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COURSES

FIRST YEAR

ED105	Educational Psychology
ED112	Teaching and Learning in a Democratic Society
EN110	Many Voices: Multicultural Literature
GL115 or GL120	GLE Science Lab I
GLE101	First Year Inquiry Seminar
GLE110	First Year Composition
MT130	Math for K-8 Education
MT151	College Algebra
PO201	US Government

SECOND YEAR

ED224	Design and Management of the Learning Environment
ED231	Primary Literacy
ED263	Methods in Teaching Mathematics
ED312	Understanding and Teaching Exceptional Learners
ED316	Methods in Teaching Social Studies
GLE115 or GL120	GLE Lab Science II
GLE210	Ancient and Medieval Worlds
GLE230	Second Year Composition
HS202	American History OR
HS204	US History Since 1945

THIRD YEAR

ED228	Special Education and the Law
ED314	Scientific Inquiry and Teaching Methods
ED340	Assessment & Identification
ED341	IEP Development
ED345	Effective Communication
ED350	Teaching Literacy Across the Curriculum
EN232	Teaching of Writing
HS308	From Sea to Shining Sea: the Geography of the United States
HS319	History of New England
_____	1 GLE Arts & Design Elective

FOURTH YEAR

ED360	Best Practices in Secondary Education
ED462	General Special Education Student Teaching Seminar
ED463	General Special Education Student Teaching
ED483	Elementary Student Teaching Seminar
ED490	Elementary Student Teaching
_____	1 GLE Arts & Design Elective

**Please refer to the Academic Catalog for full listing of elective options*

WHO SHOULD MAJOR IN SPECIAL EDUCATION?

You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Patience with children of varied abilities and their families
- Ability to set achievable goals and celebrate small steps
- Strong listening, problem-solving and team-building skills
- Ability to advocate and teach self-advocacy, for students and families
- Perseverance and sense of humor

WHERE CAN MY MAJOR LEAD ME?

With your degree, you can pursue jobs or further education for careers as diverse as:

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| Autism Center Director | School Administrator |
| Creative Arts Therapist | Special Education Teacher |
| Curriculum Specialist | Speech Pathologist |
| Elementary School Teacher | |
| Head Start Coordinator | |
| Residential Therapeutic Counselor | |

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

You can gain valuable experience through opportunities at Franklin Pierce to:

- Create a portfolio of classroom projects and achieve dual certifications
- Participate in Residential Life programming as a mentor, advisor or activity planner
- Participate in Education Club for skill building, test preparation, and community service
- Participate in Pi Lambda Theta, National Education Honors Society
- Prepare for one of our Master of Education programs with four areas of concentration including Curriculum Instruction, and Special Education

Your fieldwork and teaching capstone may take you to New Hampshire or Massachusetts through partnerships with local schools. Students participate in 135+ hours of field experience within the K-12 public school setting, beginning in the sophomore year.