SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL POLICY

ONLINE COMPETENCY-BASED PROGRAM FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

Online. Competency-Based. Mastery-Focused.
Merrimack College offers a next-generation online learning platform to support graduate teacher education. Gain your license, or add a license, through our 36-credit program that features a competency- and mastery-based framework. Our program offers the convenience of fully online courses and the power of face-to-face immersion experiences. Benefit from world-class faculty, close-to-home field-based experiences, and integrated student support that will allow you to complete your master’s degree within one year.

The power of an online competency- and mastery-based framework is that it lets you progress at your own pace with as much or as little support as you need. Demonstrate mastery and move on to the next course. Our faculty and personal one-on-one success coach will be at your side the entire time and, when you’re ready, we’ll help you prepare for the MTELs and find the field-based experience that’s right for you. Moreover, we’ll give you the chance to meet with fellow students, our faculty, and renowned experts to help you master the art and science of teaching—so that you can inspire the next generation.
**Choose the path that’s right for you**

### ARE YOU LOOKING TO BECOME A TEACHER?

- Take online courses and attend in-person immersion events.
- **Choose from 3 concentrations:**
  - Elementary Education Concentration (Grades 1–6)
  - Moderate Disabilities Concentration (PreK–8)
  - English as a Second Language Concentration (PreK–6)
- Complete student teaching practicum and MTELs
- **Graduate with your M.Ed. and endorsement for Massachusetts teaching license, and begin your new career.**

### ARE YOU ALREADY A TEACHER?

- Take online courses and attend in-person immersion events.
- **Choose from 3 options:**
  - Gain a Master’s and an additional license
  - Gain an additional license only
  - Gain a Master’s only
- Complete internship and MTELs as needed
- **Graduate with your new credential and expand your career opportunities.**
CHOOSE FROM THREE OPTIONS:

1. **Master’s with Initial License: Elementary Education, Moderate Disabilities, or English as a Second Language**
   This 36-credit degree program prepares students for initial licensure and the rewarding career of becoming a classroom teacher. Choose among three licensure options:
   - Elementary Education (Grades 1–6)
   - Moderate Disabilities (PreK–8)
   - English as a Second Language (PreK–6)

   Each program includes the following features: eight online courses, pre-practicum and practicum field-based experiences, MTEL preparation support, and face-to-face immersion events with your cohort, our faculty, and keynote and workshop speakers on key policy and educational issues. Students who decide not to pursue licensure can complete their degree in our personalized non-licensure Curriculum & Instruction concentration.

2. **Moderate Disabilities Add-On License**
   This 16-credit program is for teachers who already hold an initial license and are interested in facilitating an add-on license in Moderate Disabilities [PreK–8]. It includes the following features: four online courses, an internship field-based experience, and face-to-face immersion events with your cohort, our faculty, and keynote and workshop speakers on key policy and educational issues.

3. **Master’s in Curriculum & Instruction**
   This 36-credit program is for teachers who already hold an initial license and are interested in gaining a master’s degree with a particular non-licensure concentration. The program includes the following features: eight online courses and face-to-face immersion events with your cohort, our faculty, and keynote and workshop speakers on key policy and educational issues.
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<th><strong>KEY FEATURES OF COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Mastery-learning:</strong> Our competency-based model has all of the licensure standards “baked in” to every reading, activity, project, and course. It’s embedded in a way to help you efficiently and effectively gain mastery. We help you to learn what is critical, demonstrate it, and practice it.</td>
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<td><strong>Personalized student support:</strong> Our students benefit from our world-class faculty, personalized one-on-one sessions with dedicated support and strong preparation. We’ll help with the MTELs, with your practicum, and with your career. Gain from our immersion events, ePortfolio system, and online and face-to-face mentoring and job preparation.</td>
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<td><strong>Your pace, your style:</strong> Our affordable program is personalized to your needs. The program offers the convenience of online courses at an accelerated pace with 8-week course modules.</td>
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MERRIMACK COLLEGE is a selective, independent college in the Catholic, Augustinian tradition whose mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower lives. The College offers undergraduate degrees in the liberal arts, business, science and engineering, and education programs; it also offers master’s programs and part-time degree completion programs. Merrimack’s community is committed to scholarship and service to others, and provides students myriad opportunities to develop intellectually, spiritually, socially and ethically. Merrimack College is also firmly committed to the practice of equal opportunity.

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL POLICY

Merrimack College’s School of Education & Social Policy provides the opportunity to learn about, collaborate with, and impact PreK–12 schools, colleges, and communities through dynamic and focused programs that link theory to practice, excellence to impact, and classrooms with communities. The School offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs, including the Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and houses two research centers: the Graduate Institute for Education and the Center for Engaged Democracy. All of the school’s educator preparation programs are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Please visit www.merrimack.edu/schoolofeducation for the most up-to-date information about the School of Education & Social Policy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on start dates, tuition, and additional program details, please visit us at online.merrimack.edu or call us at 978-651-1651.