As a teacher, you change lives every day. A Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree has the potential to change your life.

Develop your professional expertise in a standards-based teaching environment that stresses accountability and excellence. Review best practices research while integrating current knowledge about technology, state and federal standards, multiple ways of learning, alternate assessment, reflective practice, and more.

Select a certification concentration in Elementary Education, General Special Education or Middle/Secondary Education in Life Sciences, English, or Social Studies. You may also choose a non-certificate path while exploring curriculum and instruction.

You will work with a Placement Coordinator who will facilitate placement in NEASC-accredited, age-appropriate local schools. Serve as an active participant and implement practice from your coursework.

Combine online learning with part or full-time study, and four academic terms per year, to create a flexible and personalized schedule.
MASTER OF EDUCATION

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Select either the M.Ed. Program, Teacher Certification Program, or both in one of the following areas. If you are seeking a second certification only, you may progress through the program with fewer required credits.

ELEMENTARY (K-6 OR K-8)
A content concentration is required for K-8 certification.
Degree and Certification  41 credits
M.Ed. only  35 credits
Certification only  38 credits

SOCIAL STUDIES (5-8 OR 5-12) AND LIFE SCIENCES (7-12)
An undergraduate content major/concentration is required.
M.Ed. Degree and Certification  41 credits
M.Ed. only  35 credits
Certification only  38 credits

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (5-8 OR 5-12)
An undergraduate content major/concentration is required.
M.Ed. Degree and Certification  41 credits
M.Ed. only  35 credits
Certification only  38 credits

GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12)
M.Ed. and Certification  47 credits
M.Ed. only  41 credits
Certification only  44 credits

Curriculum and Instruction
M.Ed. only  35 credits

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM
You must have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university, generally with a GPA of 2.8 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with a 2.50-2.79 CGPA may be eligible for provisional acceptance. GRE/GMAT tests are not required, and there is no application fee.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
You must submit the following items to complete an admissions portfolio.
• Online application at franklinpierce.edu/gradapply
• Official transcripts from previously attended colleges and universities
• Cover letter: please state why you want to become a teacher and/or obtain your graduate education degree with the certification you’ve chosen to pursue. Include a statement of philosophy regarding the teacher’s role in today’s schools, your potential to contribute to the teaching profession, and whether or not you currently hold a certification.
• When applicable, copies of SAT or ACT scores

Testing: For full acceptance into the program, you must successfully complete the Praxis Core or an approved equivalent, and be fingerprinted by the University. The Praxis Core exams evaluate teacher candidates for competency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills. Additionally, Praxis II exams, which are required for all certification areas except General Special Education, provide content-specific testing in individual subject areas. The Foundations of Reading exam is also required for those seeking Elementary certification.

Each state and licensing organization sets its own testing standards, and you will be guided in seeking reciprocity. Assessment requirements may change to better meet updated state rules and regulations. More assessment information is available at the N.H. Department of Education website, education.nh.gov, and ets.org/educator_licensure.

Student Teaching: Practical experience is not only required for certification, but is also a vital part of your education. In addition to early field hours in a variety of accredited local placements, you must complete a six-to-nine credit full-immersion capstone student teaching internship, consisting of two-to-three full time 8-week placements, if you are seeking teacher certification. You will also be enrolled in a student teaching seminar while student teaching in a local school. Mentoring and support will be provided by the classroom teacher and a Franklin Pierce student teacher supervisor to maximize learning.