

MS

## Education/ Special Education

Moderate Disabilities:  
Levels PreK-8 or Levels 5-12  
Severe Disabilities: All Levels

Specialist in Education (EdS)  
Master of Science in Education  
Post-bac option

Bay Path  
College

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GRADUATE *programs*

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## The Bay Path Advantage:

- Year-round programs you can start anytime.
- Convenient schedule that meets up to 6 times per semester on Friday nights and Saturday during the day. Great for current and future teachers.
- Online, hybrid, and onground courses.
- A competitive and affordable tuition of \$11,700 (excluding books).
- Cohort learning model that provides experience in collaboration and teamwork — essential for today's classroom.
- Accelerated or part-time options available.



## PROGRAMS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Bay Path has long been a leader in providing educational programs with a tradition of excellence and widespread respect in the greater school community. Building on that tradition, the College recognizes the need for special educators and highly trained professionals, who provide specific instruction and services to learners with a wide range of disabilities. Our programs have been designed to give you the skills and knowledge to make you a more confident and innovative educator who makes a difference in the lives of their students.*

*The MS in Education/Special Education is one of the most sought-after degrees in the country and Bay Path's programs focus on the following areas: moderate disabilities (levels PreK-8 or levels 5-12 with Massachusetts licensure), and severe disabilities (all levels with Massachusetts licensure); and a non-licensed option.*

*In addition, the College offers a Specialist in Education (EdS), an advanced degree that provides students who currently hold a master's degree with an area of educational specialization. Our licensed programs in special education are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

## The Special Education Program

### Moderate Disabilities

*Weekend Program*

This program allows you to select a course of study allowing you to teach students with moderate disabilities in either a PreK-8 OR 5-12 setting. Blending theory with immediate practical application, you will earn credentials that provide you with the ability and confidence to service learners in a variety of learning environments including inclusive, general education classrooms, resource rooms, and classrooms specific to students with special needs.

Options:

#### **MS in Education or EdS with Massachusetts Initial Licensure**

- minimum of a bachelor's degree
- requires practicum and MTEL

#### **MS in Education or EdS without Massachusetts Licensure**

- minimum of a bachelor's degree
- DOES NOT require practicum and MTEL

### Severe Disabilities

*Weekend Program*

This program prepares you to teach learners with severe disabilities in a PreK-12 environment, including inclusive educational classrooms, community settings, and one-on-one arrangements.

Options:

#### **MS in Education or EdS with Massachusetts Initial Licensure**

- minimum of a bachelor's degree
- requires practicum and MTEL

#### **MS in Education or EdS without Massachusetts Licensure**

- minimum of a bachelor's degree
- DOES NOT require practicum and MTEL

## Specialist in Education (EdS)

The EdS is designed to prepare you to be a competent and effective leader who will model high academic standards and assume a leadership role in the field of education. Courses provide specialized preparation in K-12 settings or university-level positions. The program requires a minimum of 36 credits beyond a master's degree.

Each program of study is individually designed in consultation with the program director. It can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis and offers both licensure and non-licensure programs.

#### IS THERE AN APPLICATION DEADLINE?

There is no deadline. Applicants are encouraged to have their information completed and submitted as soon as possible.

#### WHAT IS THE COST OF THE PROGRAM?

Tuition is priced affordably at \$325 per credit.

#### HOW DOES THE SCHEDULE WORK?

Students complete 2 - 3 courses per semester by attending class for only 6 weekends over a 15 to 16 week period. A weekend class meets on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. During the practicum, classes may meet bi-weekly for one evening.

#### IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Federal Stafford Student Loans cover full cost of tuition regardless of income. Extended Payment Plans are available to eligible students as well. Contact your graduate admissions counselor for more information. We also encourage you to check with your employer as they may offer tuition reimbursement.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [www.baypath.edu](http://www.baypath.edu) to apply online, or request a packet through the Admissions Office at our main or satellite campuses.

Click on Graduate Programs at [www.baypath.edu](http://www.baypath.edu) for a detailed list of courses, schedules, information on financial aid, and application.

## Dr. Elizabeth Fleming, Program Director



Dr. Elizabeth Fleming is a nationally recognized leader in the field of special education. Previously, she was the Assistant Dean, Chair, and Director of the Department of Special Education, both under-

graduate and graduate, at Simmons College. She has been the principal investigator on several federal grants, conducted numerous program curriculum evaluations, chaired college accreditation evaluations, served as a grant reader for several state and federal grants in Washington, DC and was a participant at the CISSLM-IMLS International Research Symposium discussing the impact of school libraries on student learning in New York. Her research interests are in the areas of special education, professional development, and inclusionary practices for both educators and students. Elizabeth has also conducted national and local presentations, has initiated programs for the practice of inclusion, and is actively committed to training professionals to expand their educational skills at all levels.

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## About Bay Path

Founded in 1897, Bay Path is a four-year private college offering undergraduate degrees for women; graduate degrees for men and women; and Bay Path Online, the College's distance learning center offering graduate degrees and certificates. The main campus is in Longmeadow (MA), and there are satellite campuses in Sturbridge/Charlton (MA) and Burlington (MA).

The College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, and is a member of the American Council on Education, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and the Women's College Coalition.

### For more information

on these programs, please contact your local Bay Path College campus:

#### **Longmeadow, MA (main campus)**

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#### **Sturbridge/Charlton, MA**

800.495.7284

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