GRADUATE PROGRAMS *in* SPECIAL EDUCATION

Bay Path College

The *Right Person* for the Job

Bay Path College offers graduate degrees for a New America. It's an America in which the field of special education plays a vital role in preK-12 settings. In fact, the United States Department of Education has designated the area of special education as a critical teacher shortage area for school year 2013-14. Our relevant courses and exceptional practicum placements will enable you to take your place in this fast-growing profession. Your graduate degree from the School of Education at Bay Path will make it clear that you are the right person for the job.

ABOUT THE DEGREE

Bay Path offers two graduate degree programs in special education: the Master of Science in Education (MSEd) and the Specialist in Education (EdS). Our degree programs focus on moderate disabilities (levels preK-8 or 5-12) or severe disabilities (levels preK-12). Each program of study is individually designed with a program advisor and includes the option of licensure or non-licensure.

The MSEd combines the latest education theory with practical application. You will earn the skills, credentials, and confidence to serve in a variety of learning environments. The EdS is an advanced degree that provides students who already have a master's degree with an area of educational specialization.

Bay Path has a tradition of excellence in teacher education. We consistently find outstanding placements for our graduates. Our students are often hired by the school district where they completed their practicum experience.

Our graduate programs in special education feature a combination of online and onsite courses at all three of our campuses.

ADVANTAGES OF A BAY PATH DEGREE

- **FLEXIBLE COURSE SCHEDULES AND DELIVERY FORMATS**

  Our programs are flexible and can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Most classes are held on Friday evenings and Saturdays, and some classes are available online. We also offer one-week classes, summer classes, and the option of completing your degree in one year.

- **LOCATION**

  Our graduate programs in special education are offered at all three of our campuses: Longmeadow, Sturbridge, and Burlington. You may take classes at any of these locations, providing you with many course registration options.

- **PERSONAL ATTENTION**

  Faculty and staff will guide you through coursework, practicum and licensure. We offer small classes and a learning model that leads to collaboration and teamwork.

- **RELEVANT CURRICULUM AND FIELDWORK**

  Our curriculum is practitioner focused. You will complete a yearlong field experience in an approved school-based setting under the guidance of an experienced teacher in special education and a Bay Path College supervisor.

ACCREDITATION

Bay Path College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Our licensed programs in special education are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

PROGRAM OPTIONS AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Our graduate programs in special education have two tracks: moderate disabilities and severe disabilities.

MODERATE DISABILITIES

This program prepares you to teach students with moderate disabilities in either a preK-8 or 5-12 setting. There are two options within this track:

- Massachusetts Initial License (requires a bachelor's degree, practicum and passing of the MTEL tests)
- Non-licensure (requires a bachelor's degree only)

SEVERE DISABILITIES

This program prepares you to teach students with severe disabilities in a preK-12 environment. There are two options within this track:

- Massachusetts Initial License (requires a bachelor's degree, practicum and passing of the MTEL tests)
- Non-licensure (requires a bachelor's degree only)

Each licensure program has additional degree requirements. Please visit us online at graduate.baypath.edu for more details.

Below is a sample of the graduate courses in special education offered by Bay Path. Please visit us online at graduate.baypath.edu for a complete list of courses, as well as sample course schedules and detailed course descriptions.

OVER 30 COURSES OFFERED INCLUDING:

Inclusion, Consultation, and Collaboration for Meaningful Access to Curriculum

Managing Challenging Behaviors

Foundations for Understanding Inclusive Schools

Learners with Special Needs

Working with Struggling Readers

Curriculum Design and Assessment

ABOUT BAY PATH COLLEGE

Founded in 1897, Bay Path College has its main campus in Longmeadow, MA, located in Western Massachusetts, close to Boston and New York. We have additional sites in Sturbridge and Burlington, MA. We have more than 2,300 students, representing 20 states and 10 countries. While our undergraduate degrees are for women only, our graduate programs are for both men and women.

Our classes are small and 100% of our full-time faculty in our graduate program in special education hold a doctoral degree. In fact 100% of the faculty in the graduate programs in the School of Education hold doctorate degrees!

We confer associate, bachelor, master, and specialist in education degrees, and have more than 12,000 alumni worldwide.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OPTIONS

We offer a dual degree (MSEd/EdS) in both special education and applied behavior analysis BCBC®.

CERTIFICATES

- We offer a certificate in ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorders)

OTHER GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Applied Behavior Analysis (BCBA®)
- Applied Behavior Analysis with the option to pursue a preliminary license (moderate disabilities levels preK-8, 5-12 or severe disabilities levels preK-12)
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program (LMHC)
- Elementary Education (coming this fall 2013)
- Language and Literacy – Reading Licensure *(coming 2013-2014)*
- Applied Behavior Analyst with a certificate in Autism

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Our graduate courses in special education are offered at a very reasonable rate. For information on the cost of tuition and for instructions on how to apply for scholarships and financial aid, please visit us online at:

GRADUATE.BAYPATH.EDU/GRADUATE-ADMISSIONS/COSTS-AND-FUNDING *and* **GRADUATE.BAYPATH.EDU/GRADUATE-ADMISSIONS/FINANCIAL-AID**

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

To apply for admission, you will need to submit the following materials:

- A complete application (application fee is waived if you apply online at baypath.edu, following the link to graduate admissions)
- An original essay on "Why is this graduate degree important to my career goals and to me personally?"
- A current résumé
- Two letters of recommendation
- Undergraduate and graduate official transcripts sent directly to Bay Path College (a CGPA of 3.0 or better is preferred)
- Signed program requirements form

CONTACT US

We'd love to speak with you. We're here to answer any questions you may have, arrange a campus visit, or help you get started with your application for admission. You can also register online to attend an on-campus information session or participate electronically via an interactive webinar.

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