As a UNH undergraduate, what can I do in the Education Department?

**Freshman/Sophomore**
- Take Education courses at 400 & 500 levels.
- Learn about professions in Education.
- Gain experience in schools as part of your coursework!

**Junior/Senior**
- Take Education courses at 600, 700, & 800 levels
- Apply to the Accelerated Masters (5th Year M.Ed. program) as a Junior or Senior.
- As an Accelerated Masters student, earn up to 12 credits your senior year.
- Gain more experience in schools as part of your coursework!

**5th Year**
- Complete a full year internship in a school and UNH graduate coursework
- Earn a Masters degree and recommendation for certification

**Take courses in Education**
**Connect with faculty and advisors**
**Minor in Education or Special Education**
**Gain experience in schools and communities**
1) As an undergraduate, why can’t I major in Education if I want to be a teacher?
UNH offers teacher certification programs at the Masters level. We recommend you focus your undergraduate studies on learning the content of what you want to teach. We encourage you to take coursework in Education as an undergraduate to begin your path to becoming a teacher!

2) If I want to be a teacher, what should I major in as an undergraduate?
Major in anything that excites you! If you plan to teach at the secondary level, major in the content area that you would like to teach.

3) What courses in Education can I take as an undergraduate?
There are more than 20 courses in Education offered at the undergraduate level. These courses are gateway courses to the Masters degree program in Education. Many of these courses offer practical experiences in schools and communities.

4) How can I minor in Education or Special Education?
To minor in Education, complete 20 undergraduate credits in Education courses. To minor in Special Education, complete 20 credits in Special Education courses. File the online form to declare a minor.

5) How can I be involved with Education as an undergraduate?
There are volunteer opportunities with Seacoast Reads as well as opportunities to connect with other students through programs such as Scholars, Educators, and Teachers for Tomorrow. And there are opportunities to engage in research with faculty.

6) What is the Accelerated (5th year) Masters program?
The Accelerated (5th Year) Masters Program provides students an opportunity to complete their undergraduate and Masters degree in 5 years. If accepted to the Accelerated Masters program, students can complete up to 12 credits toward their Masters degree as a Senior at UNH. In the 5th year, as a graduate student, students complete a full-year internship in a UNH partnership elementary or secondary school.

7) When can I apply to the Accelerated Masters program? What do I need to do to qualify for the Accelerated Masters program?
You can apply to the Accelerated Masters program as early as your Junior year. To qualify, you need a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.2. In addition, you need to complete the Praxis Core exams, write a personal statement, and submit three letters of recommendation.

8) What if I don’t qualify for the Accelerated Masters program?
You can still apply for the regular Masters program. To qualify for the regular Masters program, you need a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0. In addition, you need to complete the Praxis Core exams, write a personal statement, and submit three letters of recommendation.

9) What graduate programs does the Education Department offer?
UNH offers graduate programs in teacher education (early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special education) and Educational Studies. We also offer a Ph.D. in Education.

10) If I want to be a teacher, why should I consider the Accelerated Masters program at UNH?
UNH graduates are successful teachers who stay in the profession. 94% teach after completing the UNH Teacher Education Program. 89% are currently teaching or in an education related field 84% are teaching full-time after 5 years. 75% of Principals rate our graduates in the top 20% of teachers with similar experience.