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Admission Requirements

Formal entrance requirements for the College of Education and Human Development are the same as for the University of Maine. Students wishing to enter the college should obtain a copy of the major Fact Sheet for degree programs offered through the college.

Degree Requirements

Please refer to the fact sheet for the individual major(s) housed within the College of Education and Human Development or the University of Maine undergraduate catalog for more specific information.

Degree Programs & Concentrations

- B.S. Athletic Training
- B.S. Child Development & Family Relations (*early childhood education*)
- B.S. Elementary Education (*art, Canadian studies, disability studies, English, environmental education, French, German, history & social sciences, honors, human development, international affairs, liberal arts, life/physical sciences, mathematics, music, Native American studies, peace studies, performing arts, philosophy, psychology, Spanish, women's studies*)
- B.S. Kinesiology & Physical Education (*exercise science, teaching/coaching*)
- B.S. Secondary Education (*English, foreign languages, mathematics, science, social sciences*)

***Undergraduate degree programs in Art Education and Music Education are offered in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.**

Special Units

The College of Education & Human Development has statewide responsibility for teacher preparation, and for educational and family studies research and service to Maine schools and communities. Its teaching and research generate solutions and innovative approaches to school reform and societal issues, stimulate scholarship and inquiry for graduate students and enrich the undergraduate program through exposure to the creation and application of new knowledge. College-based research and resource areas include: the Institute for the Study of Students At Risk; the Center for Research and Evaluation; the Maine Education Policy Research Institute; the Child Development Learning Center; including the Maine Literacy Partnership, Reading Recovery, and the Maine Writing Project; the Maine Center for Sports and Coaching; the Center for Adult Learning and Literacy; and the TRIO programs—Upward Bound, Talent Search, and the Maine Educational Opportunity Center.

Program Description

The college offers four-year Bachelor of Science degrees in elementary and secondary education, kinesiology and physical education, child development and family relations, and athletic training. It also offers minors in elementary and secondary education, child development and family relations and exercise science through the KPE program for UMaine students majoring in other disciplines.

The college emphasizes a diverse liberal arts background, the latest technology, academic specialization, professional training and field experiences to prepare teachers and other professionals who are outstanding practitioners and enthusiastic role models for lifelong learning. The college's teacher preparation programs are state-approved and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. After successfully completing graduation requirements and the state-required examination, graduates are recommended for Maine provisional teaching certificates. The Child Development and Family Relations curriculum has earned Family Life Educator designation from the National Council of Family Relations.

The college's Kinesiology and Physical Education program provides training and professional experiences for teachers, exercise science specialists and athletic trainers. Students use the latest technology to measure and analyze human movement, development and deviation; gain experience in a variety of clinical settings; and work with children with special needs to help develop appropriate and responsive programs.

Program Description (continued)

Students in Human Development and Family Relations explore the growth and development of individuals in the contexts of families, schools and communities. Study may focus on individuals at various times in the lifespan (e.g., early childhood, adolescence, adulthood) with special attention to the family context. The family is studied in its various forms (e.g., single-parent, two-parent families, foster families).

Students applying to transfer into any major within the College of Education and Human Development must have a minimum 2.5 GPA from an accredited institution or other college within the University of Maine. Students applying to transfer into a teacher education program (i.e., elementary education, secondary education, KPE/teaching option, or early childhood education) should be aware of additional requirements of those majors. After being admitted to the College of Education and Human Development as a major in a teacher education program, students will be required to complete a teacher candidacy portfolio that includes passing the PRAXIS I examination. Students may not begin to take upper level professional courses until approval of their Teacher Candidacy Portfolio. Effective January 2008, the College of Education & Human Development requires students who transfer into a teacher certification program to successfully pass PRAXIS I, based on the State of Maine requirements, after one semester of attendance at UMaine. Transfer students with 45+ credits not passing PRAXIS I after one semester will not be allowed to continue in a teacher certification program. All transfer students for any College of Education & Human Development program must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be considered for admission. Transfer admission is competitive and will be based on achievement in appropriate academic coursework and available test scores.

The Student Body

The college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 900 students who want to be tomorrow's teachers, educational leaders, child development and family relations professionals, pursue other rewarding careers or graduate study. Many students choose to study education and human development because of the influence of an inspiring teacher, but they all want to make a positive difference in the lives of children, families, schools and communities. In high school, these students were well-rounded scholars, student-athletes and leaders, achieving academically, and contributing time and talent to a variety of organizations, activities and causes. Others bring valuable life and work experience to their classes and fellow students as they continue their education or change careers.

Within the College of Education and Human Development's broad offerings and partnerships, students find many new opportunities for personal and professional growth. They also have the opportunity to work closely with faculty on special projects and research, learn highly specialized skills, and meet leaders in their field at various activities on and off campus.

While the majority of students are from the Northeast, others represent states across the country, as well as several other nations. The College of Education and Human Development encourages international study and provides student teaching opportunities in countries such as England, Canada and New Zealand.

The college's approximately 1,000 graduate students enrich the research possibilities, as well as the undergraduate experience.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

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