

## ***Are you interested in learning how to teach young children with special needs and receiving specialized training in Assistive Technology?***

The Early Childhood Special Education Assistive Technology (EC-SEAT) Project prepares special education teachers of young children with an expertise in assistive technology. Research shows assistive technology has the potential to promote learning, development, communication, and participation of young children with disabilities in social and classroom settings by allowing greater independence in daily life. Our interdisciplinary curriculum combines expertise in special education with assistive technology and hands-on learning in community settings by partnering with local schools and agencies.

### ***Need Money for Graduate School?***



#### **Apply to be an EC-SEAT Scholar!**

Receive a **\$25,000 educational award and an iPad** for coursework and teaching,\* and work toward earning:

- ✓ A UNH master of education degree in early childhood education with special needs focus
- ✓ UNH graduate certificate in assistive technology
- ✓ NH teacher certification in early childhood special education (Birth-8yrs)\*\*

*\*Funding is from the U.S. Department of Education. Scholars commit to working in special education, 2 years for every year of funding. Funding is approximately equivalent to 1 year full time course of study. A typical service obligation is 2 years.*

*\*\*Candidates must meet professional guidelines*

### ***Make a difference in the lives of children and families!***



Learn More!

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## Who should apply?

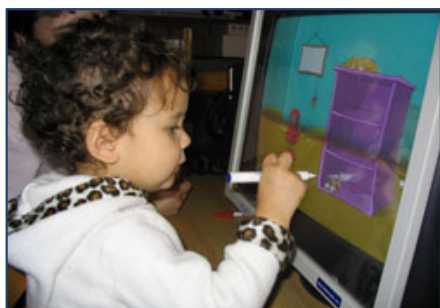
We welcome people at many stages of professional education who have enrolled in the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education: Special Needs at UNH. Students from social, cultural, and racial minorities, self-advocates and/or family members of individuals with special needs, and practicing professionals working in the field are a high-priority.

## What are the prerequisites?

- Hold a bachelor's degree
- Be a US Citizen
- Take or show record of an upper-level course in childhood development
- Work or show record of 200 hours of supervised work with children
- Complete Praxis Core
- Gather three letters of reference (at least two from academic faculty)

## What are the Course Requirements?

- A faculty advisor will work with you to set up a course schedule.
- Students may study as full or part-time.
- Most ECSN courses are held once a week in the evening on the Durham campus after 4pm (with some exceptions). ECSN with teacher certification Courses - <https://cola.unh.edu/education/>
- The AT Graduate Certificate courses are held online. Online AT Certificate Courses: <https://online.unh.edu/>



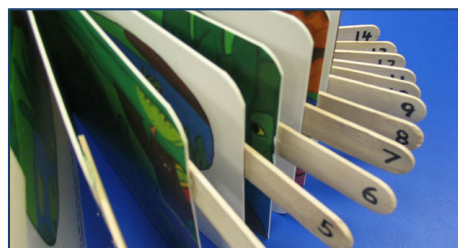
## How do I become a scholar?

- Learn more about the M.Ed in Early Childhood Education.
  - Visit <http://www.unh.edu/education>
  - Click Early Childhood Education (ECSN) link and “Special Needs Option with teacher certification”
- Apply to the UNH Graduate School.
- Applications are accepted and admission decisions are made on a rolling basis.
  - Apply at <http://www.gradschool.unh.edu>
  - Click on “Program of Study,” then “Education,”
  - Select “Early Childhood Special Needs Option”
- Once admitted to the UNH Graduate School and ECSN program, students receive an EC-SEAT application with a link to apply for the AT graduate certificate.
- Contact Carrie Portrie for support at [Carrie.Portrie@unh.edu](mailto:Carrie.Portrie@unh.edu) or 603.862.2676



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<http://ecseat.blogspot.com>



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