

RIVIER TO OFFER DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

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Rivier's proposal to offer a Doctorate of Education has been approved by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). No other school in New Hampshire offers an Ed.D. degree.

"We are delighted that Rivier College has this opportunity to expand our services to the educational community," says Rivier President Dr. William Farrell.

In December 2006, the New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission upgraded Rivier's degree-granting authority; in March 2007 Rivier submitted a proposal to NEASC to offer the new degree. The proposal states: "The College recognized that it could create a terminal degree that would continue to meet the needs of educational administrators, but also address the vocational interests of a much broader group of educators." The program has a unique focus on educating educators to become policy-makers.

The Ed.D. requires 48 semester hours beyond the master's degree. It has been designed as a cohort program, with three years of coursework and the dissertation advisement and defense beginning in the fourth year. A second cohort will begin in the third year of the program.

Rivier's current graduate admissions requirements vary by program. The doctoral program will have more stringent requirements than most others. In addition to transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose, and a résumé, candidates must attain MAT or GRE scores above a pre-determined level, have earned a master's degree in an educational field from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average of 3.5, and must interview successfully with the director of the program. Candidates must offer evidence of commitment to the values, goals, and mission of the College. ■

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