

News Release

Southern New Hampshire University Offers Job-Embedded, Online Graduate Programs Supporting STEM Instruction for STEMscopes Teachers

National Institute for STEM Education and SNHU partner to create online programs connecting an M.Ed. and graduate certificates with teachers' daily classroom science instruction

HOUSTON — Sept. 18, 2019 —The [National Institute for STEM Education \(NISE\)](#) and [Southern New Hampshire University \(SNHU\)](#) have partnered to create unique job-embedded, online graduate programs that directly connect to K-12 teachers' classroom experiences and the STEM curriculum they are already using with students. These original [graduate programs with a focus on STEM Instruction](#) incorporate professional learning from NISE, the award-winning [STEMscopes™](#) digital science curriculum from Accelerate Learning, and SNHU's knowledge of research-based practices in transformational adult learning.

"Through the creation of original graduate programming that focuses teachers on further strengthening the work they are currently doing with their students, SNHU is setting the bar with a new approach to job-embedded learning in the field of education," said Judy Zimny, Ed.D., vice president of NISE. "The primary 'textbook' for the program is the STEMscopes curriculum the teachers are already using, the rich professional development opportunities existing within that curriculum, and teachers' individualized learning goals. With this differentiated, experiential learning approach, NISE/SNHU graduate education programs enable teachers to earn a graduate degree or certificate while strengthening student understanding in an area important to them and their school district — STEM."

Graduate programs in STEM Instruction consist of between 15 and 36 credit hours and are designed to be completed in one to three years. All courses are online and accessible anytime. Every participant is supported by online faculty and STEM coaches, who provide opportunities for collaboration, feedback, and reflection.

"We, at SNHU, are deeply committed to the learner's need for accessible, high quality, and relevant academic opportunities. We are excited to partner with NISE in the design and implementation of these programs. Enabling teachers to make progress on their own academics side by side as they develop new teaching practices through their implementation of the STEMscopes curriculum represents an exciting and innovative approach to professional development," said Wendy Baker, executive director for SNHU.

SNHU's graduate programs are accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). Teachers can apply at any time and start their degree program in the fall, spring, or summer.

For more information or to apply for the M.Ed. or other graduate programs focusing on STEM Instruction, visit <http://snhu.courses/nise>.

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About Southern New Hampshire University

SNHU is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 3,000 on campus students, over 100,000 online students, and an alumni network of over 100,000, making it one of the fastest growing universities in the nation.

About the National Institute for STEM Education

NISE is more than a certifying body. It is a research-based support system for campuses and teachers seeking to strengthen STEM instruction and outcomes. Based on 15 STEM Teacher Actions that evolved from STEM professional development originally created at Rice University, NISE's Campus and Teacher Certificates help school leaders and teachers understand and apply research and best practices in STEM, 21st-century learning, and professional development. For information, visit nise.institute.

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