

# DIGITAL LEARNING SPECIALIST (MED)

## Education, Democracy, and Social Change

### Overview

Professional organizations across the country have repeatedly emphasized the importance of technology in the classroom for both educators and students. As a result, the New Hampshire Department of Education has created standards for Digital Learning Specialist certification. The Digital Learning Specialist program prepares educators to use digital resources to improve their ability to integrate technology into their curriculum and classroom, while simultaneously enhancing the educator's professional growth and productivity. This concentration is designed around International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) competency standards as well as the competencies for New Hampshire certification for Digital Learning Specialists.

PSU also offers students a dual certification option in this area. This program enables students to earn Digital Learning Specialist K–12 Certification and Library Media Specialist K–12 Certification. See information about this program in the MEd in Library Media chapter of the catalog.

Requirements for certification may change, subject to changes made by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE). Teacher candidates can find the latest NHDOE standards at [education.nh.gov/index.htm](http://education.nh.gov/index.htm) (<http://education.nh.gov/>).

Applications for admission are considered on a rolling basis for coursework starting in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. More information can be found at <https://www.plymouth.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines> (<https://www.plymouth.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines/>).

## Degree Requirements

### Optional Concentrations in this Major

#### Digital Learning Specialist MEd, Non-Certification

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Master's Core Component</b>		
ED 5000	Understanding Social Behaviors	3
IN 5400	Imagination, Creativity and Innovation	3
ED 5030	Research Design	3
<b>Education Component</b>		
ED 5060	Exploring Learning Theories and Cognitive Growth	3
SE 5581	Technology for Diverse Learners	3
<b>Specialization Component</b>		
CE 5010	Leadership & Management	3
CE 5040	Technology & Innovation	3
CE 5050	Media Literacy: Information Agency for Digital Citizens	3
CE 5120	Digital Learning in K-12 Schools	3
<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
ED 6900	Graduate Capstone Project	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

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<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
CE 5960	Digital Learning Specialist Teaching Internship	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

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ED 5060	Exploring Learning Theories and Cognitive Growth	3
SE 5581	Technology for Diverse Learners	3
<b>Specialization Component</b>		
CE 5010	Leadership & Management	3
CE 5040	Technology & Innovation	3
CE 5050	Media Literacy: Information Agency for Digital Citizens	3
CE 5120	Digital Learning in K-12 Schools	3
<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
CE 5960	Digital Learning Specialist Teaching Internship	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

### Learning Outcomes

**Digital Designer:** Candidates will effectively use technology with differentiation, rigor, relevance, and engaging learning experiences in their practice of teaching, learning, and assessment.

**Digital Learner:** Candidates will continue to deepen knowledge and expertise with technological concepts and pedagogy.

**Digital Citizen:** Candidates will model responsible and safe participation in the digital world.

**Collaborative Coach:** Candidates will develop innovative professional learning opportunities and evaluate the impact on instructional practice and learner competencies.

**Visionary Leader:** Candidates will promote and participate in the development and implementation of collaborative strategies for the comprehensive integration of technology to foster excellence to support transformational change throughout the instructional environment.

## Career Pathways

Candidates in this Master's level online program are prepared to become digital learning specialists, technology integrators, and/or digital learning coaches. Candidates complete the program with certification as a Digital Learning Specialist in the state of NH.