



Future Educators Academy

“Opening the Door to a Career in Education”

Why Should I Enroll in the Future Educators Academy?

<p><u>Michael Lynch</u> <u>Timberlane Regional HS</u></p> <p>“This course has fueled my desire to become a teacher. It has given me an inside look at how a classroom works and what makes it tick. It has also taught me that there is a lot more to teaching than just blurting out facts. I have found that behind every good teacher is a good method and foundation where this knowledge is built. Because of this, I am proud to say that I have made my decision to become a teacher.”</p> <p><i>Class of 2004</i></p>	<p><u>Jennifer Resmini</u> <u>Pelham HS</u></p> <p>“I’ve been in the situation where I’m the kid who doesn’t understand especially in English. If you didn’t understand something, Mrs. Sintros would go back to it. And she made it fun. After retiring from the English Department, Mrs. Sintros came back to Pelham to teach the FEA course. She has set the example for the kind of teacher I want to be.”</p> <p><i>Class of 2004.</i></p>
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What courses will I take?

FEA students take college prep courses along with two FEA required courses – Exploring the Art of Teaching and Practicing the Art of Teaching. These required courses were developed by a team of secondary and postsecondary teachers and align with Foundations of Education.

Do I need a certain grade point average to take the FEA courses?

Yes. To enroll in the first course – Exploring the Art of Teaching – you must have a C+ grade point average. To enroll in the second FEA course, your final grade in the first course must be at least a B.

Will I earn college credit for these courses?

Yes. There is a statewide articulation agreement between FEA high schools and NH Community-Technical College at Stratham-Manchester that identifies course by course credit through project running start as well as competency-based credit for the FEA courses.

How will the Future Educators Academy help me enter a teacher preparation program?

FEA students produce a portfolio that documents skills, knowledge and experience in the field of teaching. This evidence can support, enhance or strengthen your admissions application.

What is considered evidence?

In preparing to teach a lesson plan on dinosaurs, Kiera Fleno, Class of 2004 and an FEA scholarship winner, produced a list of class rules. The lesson plan, the teacher's evaluation and Kiera's class rules are evidence of her teaching ability.

Who can apply for the FEA scholarship?

Graduating seniors who have, at the time of the scholarship deadline, completed or are currently enrolled in *Exploring the Art of Teaching* AND who plan to enroll in a Teacher Preparation Program at a New Hampshire two-year or four-year college or university.

How many scholarships are available?

(4) at \$10,000; (8) at \$7500; (6) at \$5,000

Which high schools offer the FEA?

Kearsarge, Londonderry, Pelham, Spaulding, Stevens, Timberlane, White Mts. Regional, Winnacunnet

What is the employment outlook?

The State Department of Education and New Hampshire's FORUM on Higher Education have documented the need for quality educators, especially in the critical shortage areas. Consider the following:

- ❖ 40% of the educators workforce is age 50 or older
- ❖ 500-700 educators are expected to retire annually and this number will double to 1000-1400 educators in the next two years
- ❖ 28 critical shortage areas exist in subjects such as math, chemistry, physics, school guidance counselor, computer technology education, media generalist, music, reading specialist

Who supports this program?

NH Department of Education; NEA-NH; The NH Association of School Principals; NH Postsecondary Commission; NH Association of Guidance Directors; Keene State College; New England College; Plymouth State College; Rivier College; NHCTC-System.

How much does it cost?

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Whom should we call for more information?

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