

# EARN A GRANT-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP

designed to support educators looking to grow their careers and serve Massachusetts students



Bay Path University has been awarded a federal grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to train special education teachers from select districts and prepare them to receive licensure in both severe and moderate disabilities. Program completion is approximately 6 semesters\*

## OSEP GRANT SCHOLARSHIP

This OSEP grant is applied to scholarships for eligible individuals and covers:

- Tuition\*
- Textbooks
- MTEL preparation and exams
- Licensure fees
- Intensive mentoring while in the program and for two years after graduation
- Application based coursework
- Field-based experiences and practicum completed within your school setting\*\*
- Participation in Professional Learning Communities
- On-going Professional Development
- CEC memberships
- Attendance at the Massachusetts CEC annual conferences

\*Based upon need from the FAFSA.

\*\*Field-based experiences and practicums must be completed in a Massachusetts Public School or Approved Chapter 766 Special Education School

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Enrolling now for Summer 2026 (Application deadline: March 16, 2026)**

1. Working within a Massachusetts school district in the area of special education
2. Overall GPA of 3.0 or above
3. Official undergraduate transcripts
4. A current resume
5. Two recommendations (form available online)
6. Signed program requirement form (form available online)
7. Personal Essay: "Discuss your experiences, perspectives, and goals related to special education, and outline how your academic and professional background has prepared you for advanced study in this field. In your response, address the critical issues facing special education today and propose potential strategies for improving the inclusivity and effectiveness of special education programs."

## ABOUT BAY PATH UNIVERSITY

Bay Path University is one of 41 colleges and universities nationally to receive funding through this grant competition. Bay Path University was founded in 1897. Today, Bay Path enrolls traditional undergraduate women at its Longmeadow campus; women and men in Bay Path Online, which offers undergraduate online degrees; and women and men in master's and doctoral programs. On July 1, 2024, Bay Path acquired Cambridge College, expanding its reach to more than 4,500 students. United by a shared mission, both institutions are committed to delivering innovative, career-focused education to students of all backgrounds—including working adults and first-generation learners.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Further information and frequently asked questions can be found at: [baypath.edu/osepgrant](http://baypath.edu/osepgrant)

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## APPLICATION SELECTION

Students will be selected to receive the OSEP grant based on the following criteria:

- Assurance that all of the above requirements are met.
- Financial Need (FAFSA)
- Potential for completing the program
- Commitment to the field of special education and the OSEP service agreement
- Overall GPA
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay Statement

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