

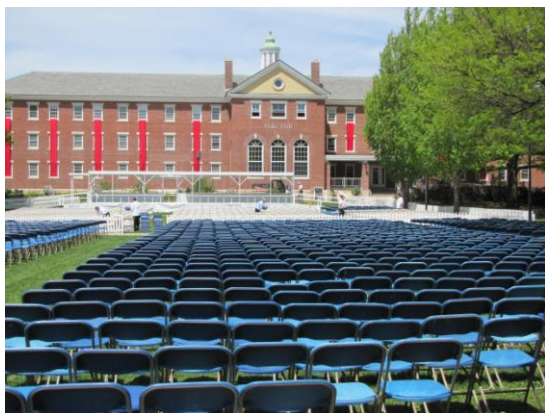
Adding Value for Students and the State

Academic Programs

Keene State has established new programs to meet the demands of the 21st century economy:

- “Integrative” Learning
- Sustainable Product Design and Innovation (B.S.)
- Nursing (B.S.)
- Architecture (B.S.)
- Environmental Studies (B.S.)
- Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences (M.S.)
- Honors program
- Mandatory education in quantitative literacy, critical thinking and writing, and problem-solving using knowledge from various disciplines.

*Keene State has eliminated associates’ degrees and 40 other academic programs.



Keene State maintains the highest academic standards through a rigorous program review process and accreditation by:

- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National Association of Schools of Music

- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Commission Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association

Access

Keene State is committed to student access and affordability:

- Keene State’s cost of attendance is below median among its top 20 competitors for both in-state and out-of-state students.
- Forty-four percent of the Keene State entering class of 2010 are first-generation students
- Keene State spends 57 percent of its general operating resources on instructional activities—more than all but one of its comparator institutions, which spends the same.
- Keene State administers the federal Upward Bound and Aspire programs, which prepare disadvantaged students for success in college. Annually, 65 high school and 160 college students participate. Ninety-one percent of participating high school seniors in 2009 and 2010 enrolled in college in the fall after high school graduation.
- Keene State awarded 41% more in student financial aid in 2009-2010 than in 2007-2008. This includes institutional need-based aid and merit scholarships.



Partnerships with Business and Government

Keene State sustains partnerships that enhance the quality of life in the Monadnock region, New Hampshire, and the world:

- Through the Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Keene state is teaming with the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, Keene School District, and River Valley Community College to create a talent pipeline for the region's advanced manufacturing industry.
- Through the Monadnock Biodiesel Collaborative, Keene State is collaborating with the city of Keene and a local refiner to convert waste grease into high-quality biodiesel to power vehicles, heat homes, and create jobs.
- Keene State's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Training Institute has formed an alliance with the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA to support workforce safety and health needs in New England.
- The Keene State Small Business Institute is a seminar that engages students in solving real challenges for real business clients.
- The New Hampshire Small Business Development Center office at Keene State College is a regional resource for businesses and entrepreneurs.



Service

Keene State students, faculty, and staff are dedicated to service and contribute to the community in and outside of the classroom:

- The community service activities of Keene State's students, faculty, and staff (estimated at over

500,000 hours annually) are worth close to \$12 million.

- Geography and environmental studies students have supported the city of Keene through a variety of community-relevant studies and reports.
- Keene State College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since its inception in 2006, and with distinction, for the past three years.
- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has classified Keene State a Community Engaged College.
- The Carter Partnership Foundation has recognized Keene State's chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters for its commitment to community service.



National Recognition

Keene State has won national praise for excellence, allowing it to attract students, faculty and staff from around the country and the world:

- Listed among the best of northeastern colleges by the *Princeton Review*.
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top schools in the North for two years in a row and one of 30 colleges that offer small classes on an affordable budget.
- Named a Green College by the *Princeton Review*.
- Awarded one of five Employment Leadership Awards by the Granite State Employment Project for adopting hiring practices that improve employment opportunities for workers with disabilities in New Hampshire.