About Us

The Southwest Center for Educational Support is the professional learning component of the Educator Preparation Programs at Keene State College.

Our mission is to provide high quality, innovative professional development opportunities to educators in the Monadnock region and across the state.

We are here to meet your needs!

Contact Us

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Program Highlights

Recent Professional Learning Activities and Topics:

- Annual Southwest NH Summer Educators Institute
- STEM/NGSS Consultation and Coaching
- MakerSpace Classroom and Curriculum Design
- Trauma-Informed Education
- Mind in the Making Training
- iPad, Google, and other Technologies
- Para-Educator Workshops
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- Suicide Prevention

Regional Collaborative Activities:

- Regional School Leadership Consortium
- Southwest Principals Collaborative
- Southwest Special Education Leaders
- Regional STEM Professional Learning Community

“Collaboration allows us to build strong relationships with others, as well as respect others’ ideas and differences.”

Yvonne M. Spicer, Ed.D, DTE
Message from the Directors
Welcome to the Southwest Center for Educational Support at Keene State College, where we are committed to assisting with your professional learning needs. We offer a wide variety of high quality, innovative services that will expand the knowledge and expertise of educators and administrators, helping to positively impact student success.

In support of our partnerships, the Southwest Center collaborates with educators and schools across the region by providing professional learning opportunities at all levels. Additionally, we support the New Hampshire Department of Education on various statewide and regional initiatives.

Feel free to contact us with ideas about how we can best serve the educators in your school or district.

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Professional Development for Educators
We offer a range of services, including:
- Workshops, coaching, and consulting on a wide variety of topics featuring experts in the field
- Single or multi-day conferences
- Online and blended courses
- CEUs for professional development hours and graduate credit options
- Support for regional professional learning communities
- Collaborative grant proposal development

Special Events
Let us help plan and coordinate your professional development event, ranging from a single workshop to a multi-day conference. Our team can assist with presenter recruitment, workshop content, evaluation, CEUs and graduate credit, advertising, registration, food, and facilities to ensure your event is organized and successful.

Looking for Customized Services?
The Southwest Center will work with your school or district to design customized professional learning activities and provide consultation. We can meet at your school or on campus. Whether you want an after-school workshop or job-embedded support lasting several months, customized training is relevant, convenient, and cost-effective.

Customized activities can include on-site graduate courses and programs, individual workshops, summer institutes, conferences, job-embedded coaching, grant development, and other professional learning opportunities.

Keene State can tailor a Master’s degree program and offer an excellent opportunity to bring educators to the next level. Offered as on-site and off-site classes, in a blended or in-person format, these programs will empower you to build skills and develop expertise in areas such as Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction, or Special Education.

“Working in conjunction with KSC, we have been able to develop a cohort program for potential school leaders. This opportunity has been a great way to build capacity in the district.”

Kimberly Rizzo Saunders, Assistant Superintendent, Contoocook Valley Regional School District