“My time here at UVM has been amazing. The community, the opportunities, the faculty and staff, and everything in between truly makes it an extraordinary place to get an education.”
—Marshall Murphy ('20)

“My field experiences have been challenging, informative, and rewarding. The mentor teachers I’ve worked with have different teaching and classroom management styles, and that has been helpful for me to see what works well, and what I might like to use in my own practice.”
—Grace Colbert ('18), Dual Certification in Elementary Education and Special Education
Elementary Education at UVM
B.S.Ed. with Teaching Licensure, Grades K-6

UVM’s nationally accredited Elementary Education program prepares you to teach successfully in 21st century classrooms. We provide you with extensive hands-on experiences in diverse classrooms, close faculty-student relationships, and opportunities for dual-licensure, innovative research, and international study.

Hands-on Experience and Multiple Field Placements in Diverse Settings
You will engage in at least four field experiences with our partner schools. Professional coursework begins immediately. In your second and third year, courses connect to school-based experiences with mentor teachers. You will learn research-informed practices and plan lessons. These experiences culminate in a full-semester teaching internship.

Personalized Support in a Collaborative Community
We are deeply committed to your success. Our student-centered approach provides ongoing support and mentoring from top faculty and researchers. Your faculty advisor will work closely with you on a personalized plan that fits your career goals and interests.

Students enjoy the strong sense of community and collaboration in our inclusive learning environment. Meaningful and enduring connections with classmates and faculty extend well beyond your time at UVM.

Multiple Minors and Dual Licensure Options
- Special Education Minor or Dual Certification
- Education for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (ECLD) Minor or Dual Certification
- Human Development and Family Studies Minor
- American Sign Language (ASL) Minor
- Coaching Minor

International Study Opportunities
We offer an opportunity to study abroad for a semester in beautiful New Zealand. You will take teacher education courses at Auckland University of Technology, participate in field experience in a New Zealand school, and explore different cultures throughout the country.

There are also study abroad opportunities in England, France, Finland, New Zealand, Portugal, Hawaii, and more. The possibilities are endless.

“They care, love, and support you from the moment you step foot in Waterman, to the day you find a job and beyond. I’m proud to be a Catamount.”
—Christian Guggemos ’16, Elementary School Teacher

Exciting Research Opportunities
We provide opportunities to collaborate with faculty researchers on innovative projects. You may also choose to pursue other research topics of interest to you through independent study.

Prepare to Teach Anywhere
Our nationally accredited teacher education programs enjoy reciprocity agreements with other states and provinces, so you’ll be able to teach almost anywhere.

“The Elementary Education program at UVM is truly preparing an outstanding next generation of teachers. When we see on their resume that they are a graduate of the UVM, we know that we are getting the very best that the field has to offer.”
—Holly Rouelle, Principal