

THE PATH TO YOUR FUTURE

**LEARN WHAT TO EXPECT
AS AN ONLINE SNHU STUDENT
WITH OUR ONLINE NAVIGATOR**

Southern New Hampshire University 

**FROM ALL OF US HERE AT SNHU, THANK YOU FOR TAKING
THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING AN ONLINE STUDENT.**

At SNHU, we're committed to making your transition to online learning as seamless as possible. The Online Navigator will feature all the key information you need from now to the moment you start your first online course.

This piece will also feature FAQs, resources and student stories to give you an idea of what life is like as a member of the online SNHU community. The more you explore, the better prepared you'll be to unlock the true potential of this experience. And with our powerful network of over 200,000 students, staff and alumni, you'll be in good company, too.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your admissions counselor or advisor if you have any questions along the way. We look forward to working with you.

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NEXT STEPS

Once you've taken the first step to inquire about a program, we'll reach out. You'll get contacted by an admission counselor, who will help you navigate the rest of the process — from the application to transcripts to financial aid and more.

1. Review SNHU Admission Navigator



6. Register for your first term



2. Complete your user account in our admission portal to apply online, or apply by phone via an admission counselor



7. Meet your academic advisor



3. Review your admission action items and submit relevant documents/forms



8. Log into your mySNHU account



4. Receive your admission acceptance decision



9. Explore tools and resources to help prepare you for success



5. Explore payment options and secure funding with our student financial services team



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ABOUT SNHU

ACCREDITED

Is SNHU accredited?

Yes, Southern New Hampshire University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc. (NECHE). All programs offered by SNHU are encompassed by this regional accreditation.

In addition to regional accreditation, certain SNHU undergraduate and graduate programs also carry specialized programmatic accreditations. Please visit our [Accreditations page](#) for more information.

NONPROFIT

Is SNHU for-profit?

No, SNHU is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) institution.

According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), students who pursue their bachelor's degree at [private nonprofit institutions](#) experience much **higher graduation rates** than their counterparts at for-profit schools.

Built for people, not for profit

As a nonprofit, we invest in our learners and their communities. You'll find us on [soccer fields](#), [military bases](#) and in [underserved neighborhoods](#) in NH and across the globe, because we believe in using the power of education as a force for social good.

PRIVATE

Is SNHU a private school?

Yes, SNHU is a private university. As such, we rely heavily on private donations, contributions and tuition to provide [nationally-recognized](#) degree programs for our students. And we're not done yet.

Over the years, we've done everything we can to expand the boundaries of education for all learners. From reinventing college for working adults in 1932, to putting learning online in 1995, to creating groundbreaking competency-based education programs in 2013, our history is a story of innovation.



Progress with purpose

Our commitment to students has earned us the title of **2020 Most Innovative University in the North** by U.S. News and World Report, as well as the **21st Century Distance Learning Award for Excellence in Online Technology** by The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA).



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CAREER OUTLOOK

Will going to SNHU help me get a job?

We know that many students come to SNHU in hopes of advancing their careers. That's why we do our best to help prepare you to achieve those goals.

In fact, that's been our inspiration from day one. In 1932, SNHU was founded with the belief that education should be practical in its application. As a small brick-and-mortar business school, students took night classes to gain in-demand, marketable skills they could apply to their day jobs. Today, we remain true to our roots by providing more than 200 high-quality, career-focused programs — all designed with you and your career in mind.

We also offer internships and experiential learning opportunities to help you apply what you learn even before graduating. Plus, our [career services team](#) is here to help you succeed with professional resume writing, portfolio development, mock interviews and more.

“My degree from SNHU gives me the right to sit at the table and ask questions. It allowed me to say, ‘OK, I’m qualified.’”

[READ JEAN'S FULL STORY](#)



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ING STARTED

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CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAM

What is the best program for me based on my previous education?

If you're still undecided, we offer online tips and resources to help you choose [which program is right for you](#). You can also reach out to an advisor for more information about what degrees we offer and how they align with your goals.

TERM STARTS

How soon can I get started?

SNHU offers multiple term start dates throughout the year, so the next one is always just around the corner. Check out all of our [upcoming online term start dates](#) to see how soon you can get started.

TEST SCORES

Does SNHU require SAT or GMAT scores?

No, SAT and [GMAT scores are not required](#) at SNHU. We believe that standardized tests do not effectively measure a student's subject knowledge, or their ability to succeed. Additionally, by eliminating this requirement, students are able to pursue a faster, more flexible pathway to their education.

TRANSFERS

Do credits transfer to SNHU?

SNHU will accept as many as 45 credits from previous coursework if you're working toward an associate degree, up to 90 credits towards a bachelor's degree and up to 12 toward a graduate degree. Courses with a grade of C- or higher at an accredited institution are usually eligible [to be transferred](#).

We recommend gathering your unofficial transcripts and contacting us to request a transfer evaluation.



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YOUR DEGREE

FINISHING YOUR DEGREE

TIME TO FINISH

How fast can I complete my degree?

The speed in which you can complete your degree varies by program, transfer credits and whether you attend full-time or part-time.

An [associate degree](#) typically takes 2 years, but for a full-time student, could be completed in a little over a year and half.

A [bachelor's degree](#) typically takes 4 years, but since SNHU accepts up to 90 transfer credits, your previous academic experience could position you to finish much sooner.

Finally, a [master's degree](#) can be completed in as few as 15 months.

"This is not an exaggeration. [Earning my degree from SNHU] has been life-changing for me. It was very validating. It's so much hard work that's paid off."

[READ FATMA'S FULL STORY](#)

GRADUATION

Do I still get to attend graduation as an online student?

Yes. We believe every graduate deserves an opportunity to celebrate their achievements – that's why all online and campus students are invited to our shared [graduation ceremonies](#) each year.



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EXPERIENCE

ONLINE EXPERIENCE

Is SNHU 100% online?

While our innovative online programs are a big part of who we are, our roots as a traditional campus are still strong. Our 300-acre Manchester, NH campus offers over 100 programs to students seeking on-campus learning.

Our [program finder](#) shows a full list of what we have to offer.

How do online classes work?

Online classes at SNHU offer you the flexibility to complete coursework – which may include readings, discussion posts, quizzes, academic papers and presentations – virtually and when it makes sense for you.

If you'd like to learn more about [what it's like taking classes online](#), we offer many helpful tips and resources to help you get started.

Are there any opportunities for online students to engage with the SNHU community?

It's important that all of our students – both online and on campus – feel connected to the greater SNHU community. That's why we offer a number of engagement opportunities, including online clubs and organizations, conferences, competitions and more.

Beyond online learning

Online students at SNHU have the opportunity to get involved in several in-person and virtual annual events, including the Grace Hopper Celebration, Contemporary Justice Series, Homecoming, LEADS Conference, Global Days of Service and many more.

Where can I find SNHU reviews and testimonials?

We do everything we can to help our students succeed – but don't take our word for it. Check out over 1,000 [student and alumni stories](#) on our website and on [YouTube](#).



"The flexibility of being able to attend a brick and mortar school online meant the world to me. That was a huge selling point."

[READ ALAINE'S FULL STORY](#)



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FOR COLLEGE

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

TUITION

How much does SNHU cost?

At SNHU, we're committed to making education accessible, by keeping it affordable. That's why we proudly offer some of the [lowest online tuition rates](#) in the nation – and we've kept them that way since 2012.

Tuition and fees vary by program. For more information, please visit our [Online Tuition and Financial Aid page](#).

What are my options to pay?

Paying for college is a little bit different for everybody. That's why our [Student Financial Services \(SFS\)](#) team offers individual support — from exploring financial aid to grants, scholarships and more.

As an SNHU student, we'll have your back every step of the way. If you'd like to start exploring your options, we offer plenty of resources and tips on [how to pay for college](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

What scholarships are available?

No matter what your particular financial situation, we want to do everything we can to ensure that education is within your reach. That's why we offer a [variety of scholarships](#) for students seeking financial assistance.

MILITARY DISCOUNTS

Does SNHU offer military discounts?

We proudly offer up to **30% tuition discounts** for U.S. Active Duty, National Guard and Selected Reserve and the spouses of those on active duty.

Undergraduate students receive 30% tuition discounts, while graduates receive 25%. We also accept Tuition Assistance (TA), VA education benefits and military scholarships for spouses through MyCAA. To learn more about eligibility as a service member or spouse, contact our [military admission team](#).



"The financial aspect of it, I literally was shocked. I ran to my husband with my computer and I said, 'Look, look, we can do this.'"

[READ KRISTINA'S FULL STORY](#)



"SNHU helped me with everything I needed to know as an active-duty service member — from tuition assistance to the GI Bill. It made me feel like, 'Okay, you've made the right decision.'"

[READ SIERRA'S FULL STORY](#)



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RESOURCES

RESOURCES & TOOLS

Are books included?

Books are not included in the cost of tuition, and vary by program. Most reading materials can be purchased through the [SNHU Online Bookstore](#).

Some additional reading materials — such as scholarly articles and other resources — are provided for free within your online courses.

Tools for success

As an online student, you're never alone in your academic journey. Our online writing center offers access to 1:1 coaching, live chats, workshops, citation and research guides and more. And if you ever feel lost, you can always reach out to your instructor or advisor for help.

Do I need a laptop or can I use my phone/tablet?

While you may access your coursework through a mobile device or tablet, we highly recommend using a desktop or laptop for all weekly written assignments. This ensures the highest quality content, citations and formatting — and helps build your authority in professional and academic circles.

Does SNHU provide laptops for students?

SNHU doesn't offer students free laptops, but you can purchase a laptop from any location/reseller and take advantage of some discounts from Dell and Apple. You may also be eligible for student discounts on programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. See special offers from [Dell](#) or [Apple](#).

Take a look at our full list of [technical requirements](#).

How can I contact SNHU tech support?

You can contact the Technology Help Desk by phone, 24/7/365, at 1.855.877.9919 and either follow instruction for missing login information or login and navigate to "tech support".



"SNHU gave me the ability to be equal to any other student. The online portals, tools and learning platforms that SNHU offers were the keys to my success."

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