



Graduate and Professional Degree Programs

# Human Potential Transformed

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Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development is a top-ranked college that focuses on cross-disciplinary research, experiential learning, and community engagement. We seek to empower our students, faculty, and staff to reshape the systems that impact learning and human development, more firmly centering them in justice, diversity, and belonging.

# Transform Your Potential

Graduate education is an investment in the future—your future. From the moment you say “yes” to joining Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development, you’ll be part of an ever-growing family of professionals taking on the challenges young people, families, and communities face every day.

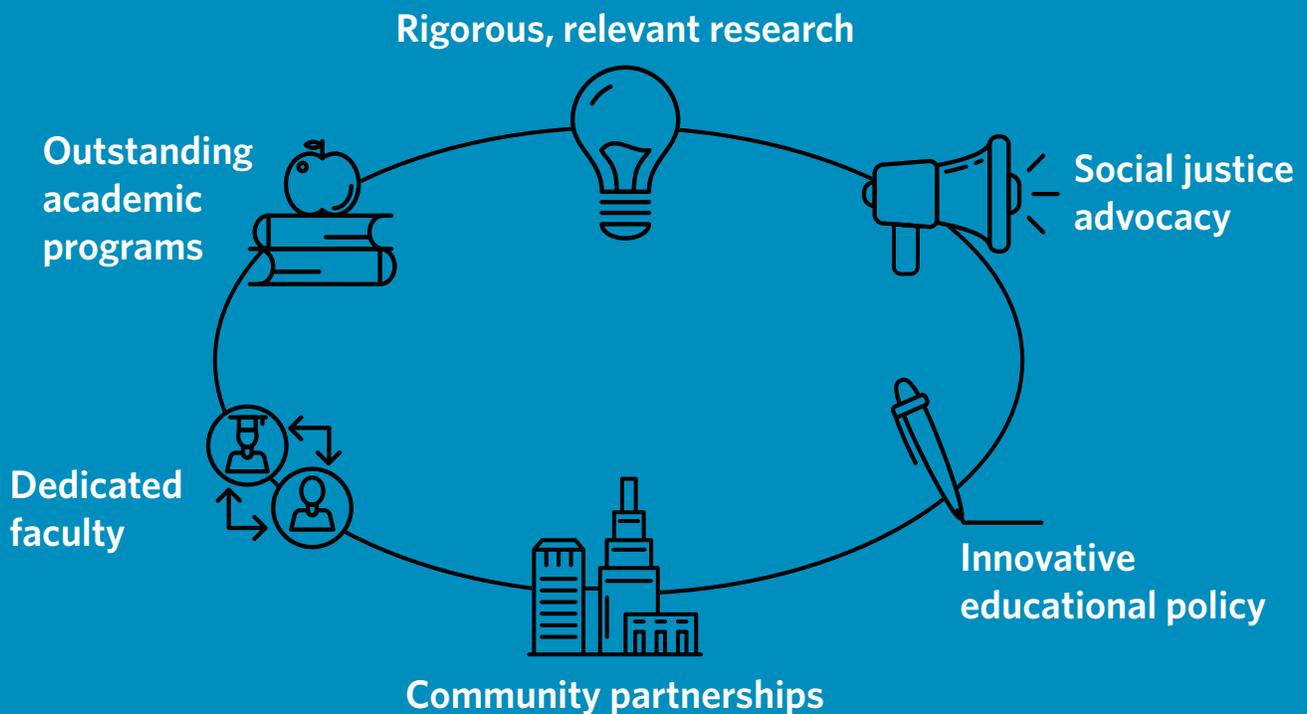
At BU Wheelock, we are leaders in fields such as teacher preparation, educational leadership and policy, counseling, and so much more. A top-ranked school of education and human development, we provide our graduate students with access to outstanding academic programs, expert faculty, innovative research, and generous financial aid.

A degree from BU Wheelock is also an investment in the future of many others who you will impact with your experience and expertise. No matter what career option you are planning to pursue, you will be well equipped to excel in your chosen field and advance learning and human development for a thriving, sustainable, and just world.

So don’t just live up to your potential—transform it into the career and professional future you’ve always wanted. Join us at BU Wheelock today!



# How Will You Be Transformed?





**Choosing the right graduate program is a very personal and important decision. We hope you will join us as we teach, study, and serve to support education and positive development across Boston, the region, and the world.**

—DAVID J. CHARD, Dean



**The BU Wheelock educational experience prepares its graduates to lead in any environment and uphold a commitment to community competence through a diversity, equity, and belonging framework.**

—SHANNON FAIRLEY-PITTMAN'08

## ABOUT BU WHEELOCK

**Top 50**

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US Graduate Schools of Education  
(*US News & World Report*)

**900+**

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graduate students

# TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER

## Our graduates work in many professional settings, such as:

- Public or private schools
- Museums or other educational settings
- Behavioral health clinics
- Addiction treatment centers
- Group homes
- Residential treatment centers
- Hospitals
- Private practice
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Local, state, and federal agencies

## You'll be prepared for a wide variety of careers, including:

- Classroom teacher
- School administrator
- Curriculum director
- School counselor
- Mental health clinician
- Youth development specialist
- Athletic coach
- Higher education leader
- Educational researcher
- Policy analyst and policymaker
- Child life specialist



**1 in 3**

BU Wheelock grad students are the first in their families to attend graduate school

**486**

fieldwork placements across all graduate programs



# World-Class Faculty

Our exceptional faculty are committed educators and advisors. Many are both scholars and experienced practitioners whose experiences and interests span important education and human development domains. Among them are educators, counselors, policymakers, and other professionals who had careers in their fields before they joined our faculty.

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- 155 full- and part-time faculty members
  - Nationally and internationally recognized experts
  - Unparalleled research, teaching, and clinical expertise
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**“We want our students to look at the world as a challenge that can be solved.”**



—LESLIE DIETIKER, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education and 2022 Boston University Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching

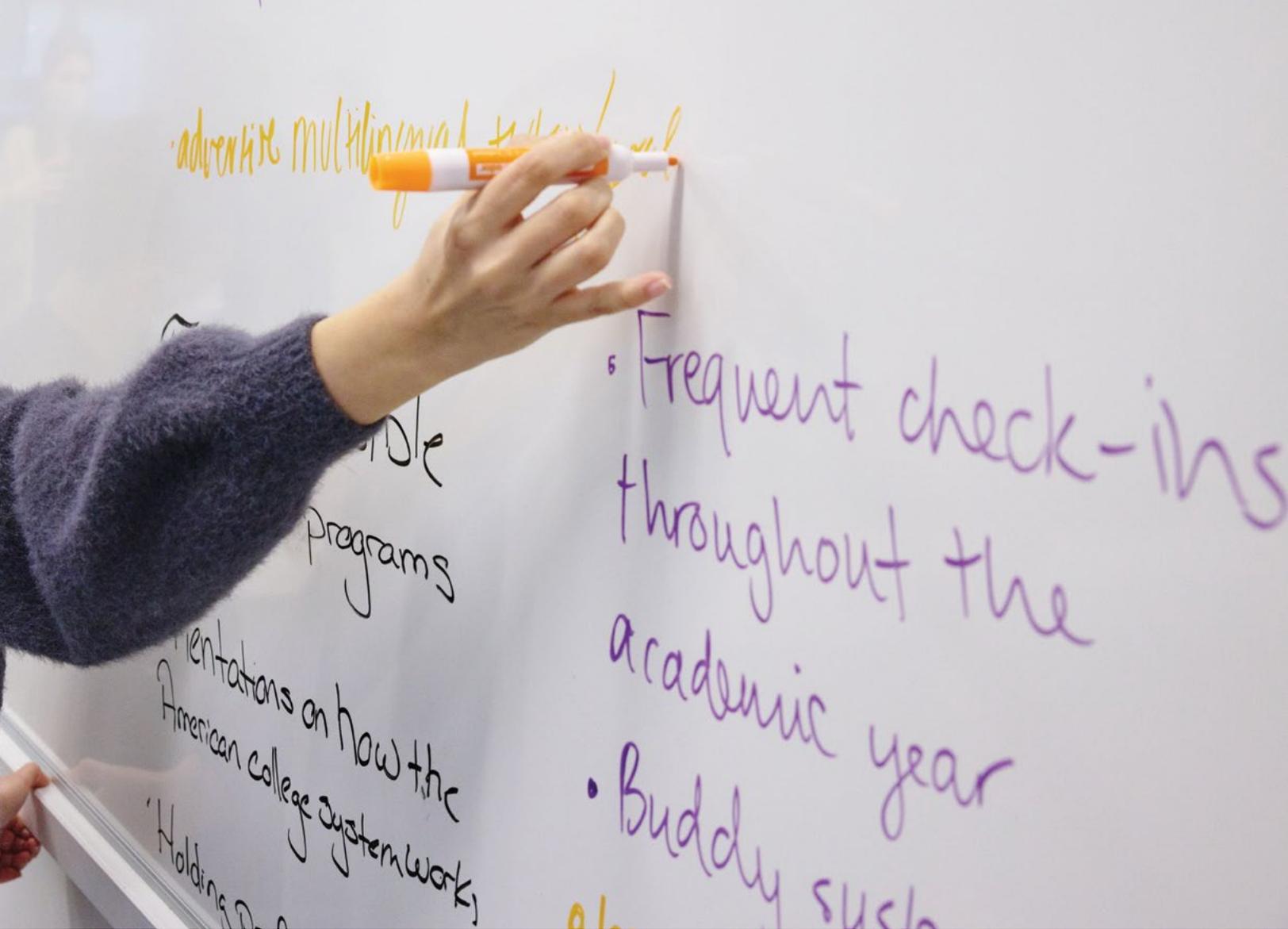


# Research Transformed

**BU Wheelock is home to outstanding researchers whose work is having a positive impact at BU and beyond. Our researchers seek solutions that can be applied in the real world. They are funded by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and many more.**

**As a graduate student, you'll work with our faculty conducting real-world research on groundbreaking projects. Our programs include rigorous coursework in quantitative and qualitative research methods, policy analysis, and developmental systems and processes.**

**You can be matched with BU Wheelock research centers, state and local education agencies, or education-focused organizations, and you'll develop the knowledge and skills to succeed in a variety of careers.**



## Recent research includes:

- Exploring how the teacher workforce in Massachusetts was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Using artificial intelligence to study the evolution of American Sign Language
- Investigating how remote learning during the pandemic affected school bullying and cyberbullying
- Understanding how classroom observations are used to evaluate special education teachers
- Studying the ways schools can offer mental health support to transgender and gender diverse youth
- Exploring how multigenerational makerspaces in affordable housing communities impact STEM self-efficacy

**BU Wheelock is home to more than a dozen [research centers, institutes, and labs](#) that continuously engage our faculty, staff, and students, including:**

- Center on the Ecology of Early Development
- Earl Center for Learning & Innovation
- Institute for Early Childhood Well-Being
- National Center on Improving Literacy
- Wheelock Educational Policy Center

**[Visit our website for a complete list of all our centers, institutes, and labs.](#)**



**At BU Wheelock, I have been able to design and carry out my own program of research around my interests. I have also had opportunities to conduct research with many local community partners, such as schools, museums, and nonprofit organizations.**

—HANNAH PUTTRE, Graduate Student, Applied Human Development



**At BU Wheelock, you will find all the resources you need to succeed. You will experience world-class teaching informed by world-class research. BU is a global university where you have the unique opportunity to build an international network.**

—EDSON FILHO, Associate Professor of Sport, Exercise & Performance Psychology



# Our Academic Programs

Whether you are beginning a new career or advancing your current one, here are five ways BU Wheelock's programs will prepare you to advance your goals:

1. Innovative programs bring together theory and practice
2. Rigorous coursework covers a range of interrelated topics
3. Flexible formats enable you to pursue your degree at a pace that works best for you
4. Meaningful field experiences prepare you with relevant, real-world understanding of your chosen profession
5. Focus on social justice will support your growth as a culturally competent professional

**I most enjoy being part of the small group of students with whom I take classes. We are very supportive of one another. The small size of our classes also allows us to share our ideas in a very supportive and safe space.**

—CRISTIAN MEDINA, Graduate Student, Science Education



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## Master's Degree Programs

### Master of Education (EdM)

- Applied Human Development
- Counseling
- Curriculum & Teaching
- Deaf Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Education for Equity & Social Justice
- Educational Leadership & Policy Studies: Higher Education Administration
- Educational Leadership & Policy Studies: PreK-12
- Elementary Education
- English & Language Arts Education
- Language & Literacy Education
- Mathematics Education
- Reading Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- World Language Education

### Master of Arts (MA)

- Educational Policy Studies
- Leadership, Policy & Advocacy for Early Childhood Well-Being

### Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

- English Education for Equity & Justice
- Mathematics Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education

### Master of Science (MS)

- Child Life & Family-Centered Care

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## Doctoral Programs

*Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Education (EdD)*

- Counseling Psychology & Applied Human Development, *PhD*
- Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, *EdD*
- Educational Studies, *PhD*

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## Dual Degree Program

- Education & Social Work, *EdM/MSW*

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## Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS)

- Curriculum & Teaching
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership & Policy Studies
- English & Language Arts Education
- Mathematics Education
- Reading Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education

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## Non-Degree Certificates

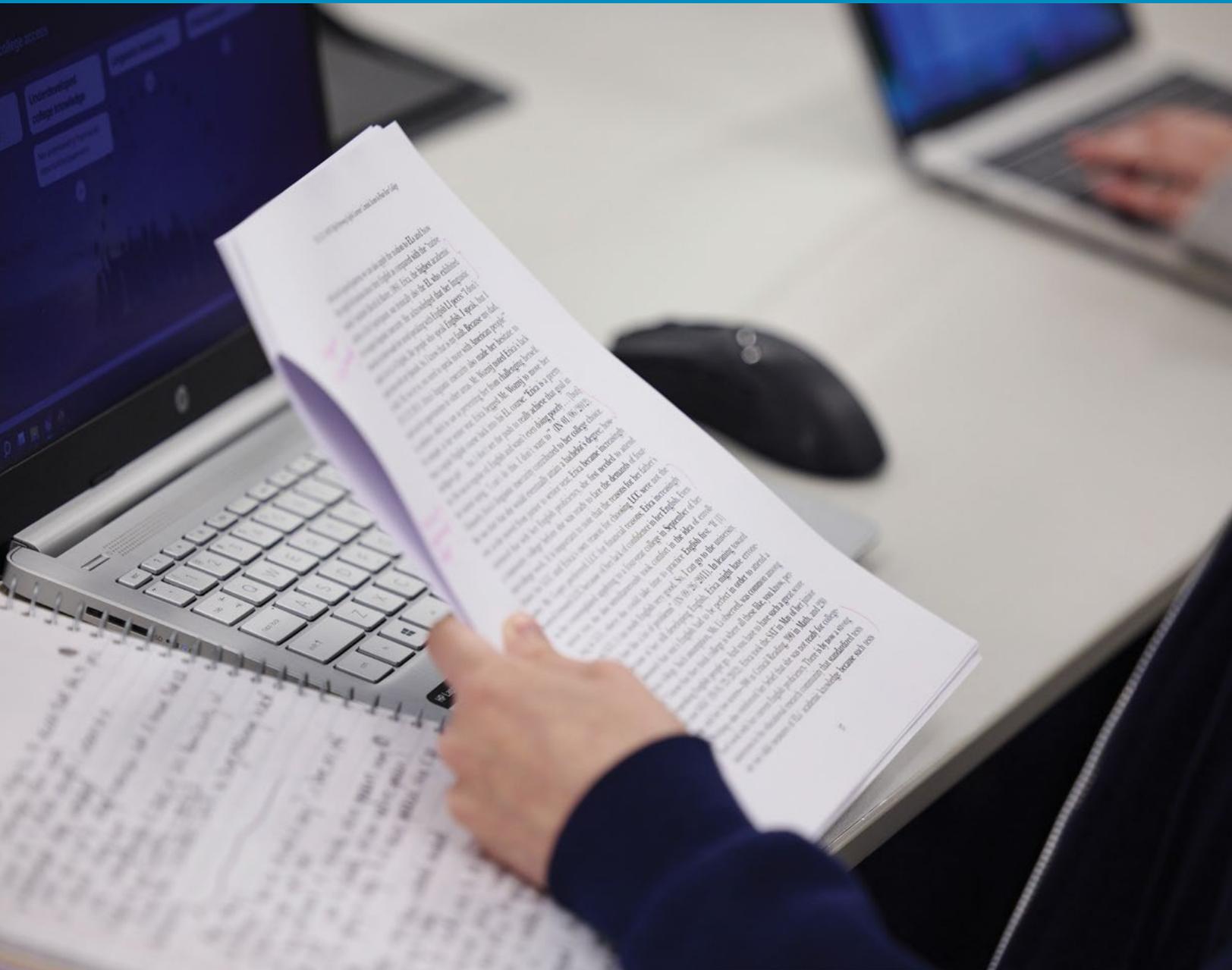
- Autism & Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
- Biology Education Licensure (secondary level)
- Child & Youth Policy
- Chemistry Education Licensure (secondary level)
- Community-Engaged Research & Evaluation
- Education for Equity & Democracy
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Licensure (PreK-6 & 5-12)
- Literacy Intervention
- Physics Education Licensure (secondary level)
- Physical Education Licensure (PreK-8 & 5-12)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Teaching Students with Severe Disabilities
- Teaching Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8 & 5-12)

**BU Wheelock academic programs are subject to change. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.**

# Online Programs

*Our flexible programs meet you where you are—anywhere in the world*

- Curriculum & Teaching, *EdM*
- Education for Equity & Social Justice, *EdM*
- Educational Leadership & Policy Studies: Higher Education Administration, *EdM*
- World Language Education, *EdM*





**Enrolling in a program that was fully online and designed with theory-to-practice in mind supported my intellectual and professional growth. The courses I took solidified my interest in a dynamic career in higher ed administration.**

—LEHMAN ROBINSON, JR.'21

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## LICENSURE

Select BU Wheelock graduate programs offer the option to obtain Massachusetts teacher licensure, including the MAT program, the EdM with licensure, and a licensure-only (certificate) program. Our licensure programs include:

- Mentored field experiences
- Reflective practice each semester
- A full student teaching practicum

**Visit our website for more information about which programs offer the option for licensure.**



# Fieldwork

**As a graduate student at BU Wheelock, you'll have access to many opportunities for fieldwork, practicums, and internships that align with your career goals. Your work will be guided by expert teachers, faculty, administrators, and other professionals. We encourage our students to put the theory they are learning in the classroom into direct practice to develop the tools they'll need to be successful in their profession.**

## **Types of field experiences include:**

- Student teaching
- Reading & literacy instruction
- School administration
- School counseling
- Child & adolescent mental health counseling

## **Sites where our students have had field experiences include:**

- Urban and suburban school districts, including Boston Public Schools
- Boston-area institutions of higher education
- Community organizations
- Residential treatment centers
- Hospitals
- Mental health counseling agencies



**During each of my field placements, I have gained confidence in myself as an early childhood educator. Through each meaningful interaction with a child and every piece of encouragement from my supervising practitioners, I have learned to trust myself and to embrace the magic of early childhood.**

—OLIVIA BOGAN, Graduate Student, Early Childhood Education



# Career Resources

As a graduate student at BU Wheelock, you have access to many career and professional resources that will support you in turning your degree from Boston University into the career you imagine. These include:

- Boston University Career & Professional Development Office, [bu.edu/grad/cd-pd](http://bu.edu/grad/cd-pd)
- BU Wheelock Professional Preparation Office, [bu.edu/wheelock/professionalpreparation](http://bu.edu/wheelock/professionalpreparation)

**Visit their websites to learn more about the career services and other professional opportunities available to BU graduate students.**

**“My favorite thing about BU Wheelock is the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in my field. I am being equipped with the skills, knowledge, support, and resources to be successful in whatever it is I choose to do next.”**



—LAUREN SHOSS,  
Graduate Student,  
Sports Counseling

# Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

In all that we do as a college—teaching, learning, research, mentoring, and working with community partners—we are driven by the desire to contribute to building a better, more just world. We are committed to supporting students, faculty, and staff from marginalized and underrepresented groups, and we advocate for systemic and structural changes to disrupt historical and ongoing systems of oppression. We do this as part of larger efforts at Boston University to support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

## Our EDI-related efforts include:

- EDI Committee: For staff, students, and faculty to actively engage in the work of changing our college culture
- Affinity groups: Support for students of marginalized and underrepresented groups
- Events: Offered regularly on topics related to EDI. Includes book groups, study groups, and lectures with scholars from around the country.
- Scholarship opportunities specifically for BIPOC students
- Ongoing efforts to diversify our faculty and staff
- Systematic review of syllabi to ensure we are using anti-oppressive practices and content





**At BU Wheelock, we are committed to being the cause of systematic and individual changes that lead to more equitable, diverse, and inclusive environments. We encourage all our students, staff, faculty, and alumni to come together as a community and engage with each other in doing this work.**

—LAURA JIMÉNEZ, Associate Dean for  
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

# How to Apply

Students are accepted on a rolling basis each semester, and many of our programs have admissions deadlines in spring, summer, and fall. You're strongly encouraged to submit your application by the recommended deadlines for priority consideration for admission and for scholarship funding, and to allow sufficient visa processing time if you're an international student.

The recommended deadlines for our programs vary, and programs do continue to accept applications after the recommended deadline on a space-available basis. **Be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information on application requirements and deadlines.**

**As part of our commitment to equity and diversity, GRE scores are no longer required for any of our programs, including the PhD programs.**

# COSTS

We know you will be considering a variety of important factors when exploring graduate schools, including cost. Our programs have many flexible, affordable options geared toward working professionals.

— **Part-time:** Fewer than 12 credits each semester; students are charged based on the number of credits

— **Full-time:** 12 to 18 credits per semester; assessed at a flat rate per semester

**Take advantage of our part-time evening rate—save over 50% off of our full-time day rates by taking courses after 3:30 pm.**

## Options for Funding Your Degree

There are several ways we can help you fund your degree:

- Federal and private loans
- Graduate assistantships
- Graduate Scholar Award
- Named and endowed scholarships
- Boston University payment plans

In addition, there are special offers for students from select membership organizations or employers—visit our website for more information.

Reach out to our financial advisors or visit us online for more information about funding your degree.

**Each year, BU Wheelock awards nearly \$8 million in scholarship funding to our graduate students.**



## Benefits of Being a BU Wheelock Alum

As a graduate of BU Wheelock, you have access to many benefits, including:

- Network with 46,000 BU Wheelock alumni worldwide
- Access professional support through the Center for Career Development
- Audit BU classes at a discounted rate
- Attend lectures and programs for alumni—many are free
- Receive perks and discounts from the alumni travel programs

**“Passionate professors. Dedicated classmates. And an alumni network that keeps on giving. My degree has not only given me the theory and skills to be a successful teacher, but also the inspiration to be a K–12 thought leader outside of the classroom.”**



—TAKERU “TK”  
NAGAYOSHI’16  
2020 Massachusetts  
Teacher of the Year



# Life at Boston University

**BU Wheelock graduate students have access to many Boston University resources, including:**

- Graduate Student Community: Student groups, diversity & inclusion, and health & wellness
- Living in Boston: Housing, off-campus services, and transportation
- BU Library System: Research tools and reference services
- Student Health Services and Student Wellbeing: Wellness, mental health, and more
- Disability and Access Services: Accommodations, documentation, and more

**For many more Boston University resources, visit [bu.edu/grad/resources/](https://bu.edu/grad/resources/)**



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