Plymouth State University is located in the Lakes Region of Central New Hampshire, near the foothills of the White Mountains. For over 125 years, the institution has been an active contributor to intellectual growth and educational development within the region.

Founded in 1891 as Plymouth Normal School, the primary goal was to establish an effective teacher education program. In 1939, the school’s name was changed to Plymouth Teachers College. An influx of servicemen following World War II stimulated curriculum expansion, and the college began a period of steady growth.

The school’s name was changed again in 1962 to Plymouth State College, becoming a multi-purpose, co-educational institution. The most recent name change occurred in the summer of 2003, when it became Plymouth State University.

Today, over 200 full-time faculty members work at PSU to make over 1000 courses available to the 4000 undergraduates. A student may choose from over 50 majors while pursuing two-year associate degrees or four-year bachelor degrees.

Besides the university’s well-known teacher education program, PSU also offers business degree programs in administration, marketing, management and accounting. Studies are also available in the liberal arts, and new degree programs have been developed in areas relating to the fine arts, political science, geography, anthropology/sociology, medieval studies, mathematics, economics, regional planning, health education, bilingual multicultural education, social work, theatre arts, computer science and communications.

Graduate degree programs include the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Education (MEd), Master of Science (MS), as well as educator certifications and advanced graduate study options. Qualified undergraduate students can usually earn a master’s degree by successfully completing one year of graduate study after obtaining a bachelor’s degree. Graduate courses are offered year-round in face-to-face, hybrid, and online formats.

Plymouth State recognizes that athletics have much to offer the university community. The Panther sports programs afford the students the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially. The athletic programs have given students many reasons to be proud of PSU while stimulating school spirit. Intercollegiate competition has provided valuable “laboratory experiences” to hundreds of young men and women who have gone on to coaching careers throughout New England and beyond.

With over 35 acres of playing fields adjacent to the Physical Education Center, which includes a field house, swimming pool, 2000-seat gymnasium, racquetball courts, athletic training facility and the Vailas Performance Center, athletics will continue to play an important role within the campus. PSU proudly sponsors 19 varsity teams (8 for men, 11 for women) and an accredited Athletic Training program. As a member of the NCAA Division III, the Panthers have consistently enjoyed individual and team success at both the regional and national levels.
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