

Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure Program

with a Master's Degree Option

The Springfield College Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure Program is designed to prepare teachers in one to two years to teach children in PreK through second grade.

This program is Massachusetts state approved and offers a unique training experience to include:

- **Flexible Scheduling** – The program is designed to meet the needs of each individual. This allows participants to meet all initial licensure requirements and be employed as a full-time teacher within 12-24 months.
- **Rigorous field-based training experience** – Participants complete a minimum of 400 clock hours in the field.
- **A commitment to recruiting a diverse and academically talented candidate pool** – We seek candidates who possess academic talent and community commitment and

who represent a diverse range of life experience, ethnicity, and economic background.

- **Partnerships with local schools** – Enable our faculty to collaborate with local school teachers to refine course content and enhance fieldwork experiences.

The Springfield College curriculum and faculty are especially well suited to prepare tomorrow's teachers because they are attuned to the realities of today's classrooms and schools.

Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL)

Students must pass the MTEL Communication & Literacy Skills (C & L) test, the Early Childhood and Foundations of Reading subject tests in order to make satisfactory progress in this program and be eligible to do their practicum. All graduate students are advised to take the required MTEL tests as soon as possible. For more information about MTEL, including test registration deadlines, go to: www.mtel.nesinc.com

Course of Study:

The program combines six courses (18 s.h.) with a full-time practicum (6 s.h.) in a school setting for a total of 24 credits. Students can opt to take an additional 9 credits for a Master's Degree.

The following outline reflects the sequence of courses students are advised to follow (this is subject to change):

Summer

EDUC 654: Multicultural Curriculum Development
for Early Childhood & Elementary 3 s.h.

EDUC 658: Intro. to Special Education 3 s.h.

Subtotal: 6

Fall

EDUC 555: Early Childhood Curriculum & Care 3 s.h.

EDUC 627: Construction, Mgmt., & Assessment
of Literacy Programs/Pre-practicum 3 s.h.

EDUC 630: Children with Disabilities 3 s.h.

Subtotal: 9

Spring

EDUC 609: Literature with Children 3 s.h.

EDUC 667: Early Childhood Practicum PreK-K 3 s.h.

EDUC 669: Early Childhood Practicum 1-2 3 s.h.

Subtotal: 9

Total: 24

Optional Courses for Master's Degree*

RSCH 610: Foundations & Methods of Research 3 s.h.

EDUC 607: Philosophical Foundations of Educ. 3 s.h.
OR EDUC 619: Contemporary Issues in Educ.

EDUC 626: Education Research Project 2 s.h.

Subtotal: 8

Total: 32

Prerequisites:

The graduate level initial licensure program has been designed for students who meet the following entrance criteria:

1. An undergraduate degree in the liberal arts or in a field related to early childhood education (e.g., Psychology);

2. An undergraduate G.P.A. of 2.50 or higher;
3. Prerequisite course: Child Growth and Development
4. Commitment to the field of education as demonstrated through past experience and/or the admissions essay;
5. Other measures of academic and/or professional achievement (MTEL score, transcript review, professional experience).

SC AmeriCorps Program – Provides eligible students the chance to serve for one year in a Springfield Public School. Benefits of service include a living stipend and a monetary education award from the Corporation for National Service. (This program is contingent upon ongoing grant funding through the Massachusetts Service Alliance.) For more information contact Shannon Langlone: slanglone@spfldcol.edu

Graduate Fellowships – Provides financial assistance and are available within a number of departments for a limited number of qualified graduate students.

Enrollment:

Springfield College Graduate School
Applications can be obtained online at:

<http://www.springfieldcollege.edu/home.nsf/onlineApp/graduate>

For more information about this program please contact by e-mail/phone:
Dr. Mary Allen at mallen@spfldcol.edu
or (413) 748-3356 **or** Prof. Jennifer Johnston at jjohnston@spfldcol.edu or (413) 748-3655.

If you have specific questions about getting licensed in Massachusetts as a teacher or administrator, please contact Dr. Linda Davis-Delano, Director of Educator Preparation & Licensure at ldelano@spfldcol.edu or (413) 748-3155.



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*Other research options available
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