

Elementary Education Teacher Licensure Program

with a Master's Degree Option

The Springfield College Elementary Education Teacher Licensure Program is designed to prepare teachers in one to two years to teach children in grades one through six.

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 General Curriculum 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 five courses (15 s.h.) with a full-time practicum (6 s.h.) in a school setting for a total of 21 credits. Students can opt to take an additional 11 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: Introduction to Special Education 3 s.h.

Subtotal: 6

Fall

EDUC 652: Elementary Curriculum Development &
Implementation 3 s.h.

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

Subtotal: 6

Spring

EDUC 609: Literature with Children 3 s.h.

EDUC 668: Elementary Practicum 6 s.h.

Subtotal: 9

Total: 21

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.

Elective course 3 s.h.

Subtotal: 11

Total: 32

Prerequisites:

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

1. An appropriate bachelor's degree;
2. Arts and Science coursework covering the Elementary Teacher Subject Matter Knowledge requirement in the Massachusetts Regulations for Educator Licensure;

3. An undergraduate G.P.A. of 2.50 or higher;
4. Prerequisite course: Child Growth and Development;
5. Commitment to the field of education as demonstrated through past experience and/or the admissions essay;
6. 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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