

Secondary Education Teacher Licensure Program

with a Master's Degree Option

The Springfield College Secondary Education Teacher Licensure Program is designed to prepare high school teachers in one to two years to work in regular and alternative school settings.

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.

- **A partnership with a high-need district** - This program was developed through the Springfield Authentic Graduate Programs in Education (SAGE) Project, a collaboration among Springfield Public Schools, the college, and the Western Area Office of the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services.

The Graduate Level Initial Licensure Program in Secondary Education prepares high school teachers to create learning environments that support young people in their transition to adulthood.

Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL)

Students must pass the MTEL Communication & Literacy Skills (C & L) test and the subject test appropriate to the instructional field 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 (17 s.h.) with a full-time practicum (6 s.h.) in a school setting for a total of 23 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 640: Behavior Mgmt. for School Aged Child. 3 s.h.

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

Subtotal: 6

Fall

EDUC 685: Secondary Methods, Assessment & Pre-Practicum 3 s.h.

EDUC 628: Teaching Reading & Writing in Content Areas 2 s.h.

Subtotal: 5

Spring

EDUC 671: Learning, Teaching and Technology 3 s.h.

EDUC 675: Culturally Responsive Curriculum Design For Secondary Education 3 s.h.

EDUC 664: High School Practicum 6 s.h.

Subtotal: 12

Total: 23

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 1 s.h.

Subtotal: 9

Total: 32

Prerequisites:

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

1. A bachelor's degree in Biology, Chemistry, English, Earth Science, History, Mathematics, Political Science/Political Philosophy, and Visual Art or an interdisciplinary course of study from an accredited college or university with an arts or sciences major appropriate to the instructional field;

*Other research options are available
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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. Dan Zukergood at (413) 748-3354 or dzukergo@spfldcol.edu 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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