



## WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

The Education Department and the Office of Teacher Education expect students who want to be teachers to maintain good academic standing.

A student must:

- Complete 120 or more credits
- Achieve an overall GPA of 2.8 or higher with a 3.0 in education pedagogy coursework
- Earn an average of 2.7 (B-) or better in ENGL 0101 and ENGL 0102
- Pass the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure

## WHAT COURSES DO I HAVE TO TAKE?

FIRST-YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take core requirement classes</li> <li>• Acquire a broad base in the liberal arts</li> </ul>
SOPHOMORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete core requirements</li> <li>• Take introductory education courses</li> <li>• Begin taking the MTEL tests</li> <li>• Participate in public school classroom field days</li> </ul>
JUNIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete professional education coursework</li> <li>• Complete arts or science major coursework</li> <li>• Complete field work in PreK-12 classrooms</li> <li>• Finish taking the MTEL subject matter tests</li> </ul>
SENIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish any remaining coursework</li> <li>• Complete a student teaching experience</li> </ul>

## THE PROGRAM PROVIDES THESE BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

- automatic admission to Westfield State University
- technical support on the application process
- available scholarship funding during junior and senior years

## AND MOST IMPORTANTLY:

- a guaranteed job and mentorship with Springfield Public Schools

## WHAT SUBJECT SHOULD I TEACH?

The Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.E) major with licensure and the licensure-only programs are designed to prepare outstanding teacher candidates at the Massachusetts Initial Licensure level.

- Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education
- Middle and Secondary education programs prepare students to teach select academic disciplines like Biology, Chemistry, History, English, and Mathematics
- Movement Science/Physical Education and Music departments also sponsor initial teacher licensure preparation

# Reach to Teach

DEVELOPING OUR NEXT GENERATION OF TEACHERS

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN



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## Be an inspiration.

Transform a life. Become a teacher in your neighborhood, right here in Springfield.

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Have you thought about how you can give back to your community?

Have you thought about teaching?

Studies show that when students have teachers who come from the same racial and cultural background as they do, they perform better academically, have higher self-esteem, stay in school longer, and graduate at higher rates.

When you become a teacher in the community where you grew up, you connect with your students in a unique and special way.

#### WHAT IS REACH TO TEACH?

Westfield State University and Springfield Public Schools developed this unique partnership to give Springfield students a pathway and the support to become professional teachers in the very schools where they were educated, especially in the subjects of math, science, and special education.



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#### 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A TEACHER IN SPRINGFIELD:

- Inspire the youth from your community to dream beyond their challenges
- Share your creativity with an enthusiastic audience
- Have a positive impact on children's futures—one child at a time
- Work in a field that pays you to inspire children, and see how the children inspire you
- Work in a field that offers many opportunities for promotions and salary increases
- Teach math, science, ESOL, or special education and earn an extra \$2,000 a year plus special reductions to your student loans each year
- Become a role model for your siblings, your students, and their parents and other adults in the community
- Model belief in your students for other educators
- Teach and learn something new every day
- Give back to your community

Can you think of any other reasons? Learn more today!

#### GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact your high school counselor today to learn more about this program.

You can also contact Springfield Public Schools Executive Officer for Student Services, Yolanda Johnson at (413) 787-7100, Westfield State University's Education Department at (413) 572-5315, or its Office of Teacher Education at (413) 572-5321.



I am a teacher in Springfield because this is where I grew up, and I wanted to give back to my community by helping build the foundation of learning for our children. The Reach to Teach program has helped turn my vision into reality!

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