

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Education and Allied Studies
Conceptual Framework



GROWTH
OF THE
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR



OUR MISSION for educator licensure programs at Bridgewater State University is to prepare creative, caring and skilled professionals who combine deep knowledge of content with rich understanding of how young people learn and are able to effectively apply that knowledge to assure student achievement. Our graduates collaborate effectively with colleagues and families to apply their knowledge in schools throughout Massachusetts, the nation and the world. The most crucial elements in students' education are the people who staff their schools. Therefore, we use the Growth of the Professional Educator model to incorporate the themes of student learning, effective practice and collaboration throughout programs offered at the university.

STUDENT LEARNING

BSU Educator candidates enable PK-12 students to:

1. Construct knowledge and demonstrate it through authentic assessment
2. Become mindful and independent learners
3. Understand and respect diversity
4. Demonstrate inquiry and enthusiasm for learning

Initiatives:

- Teacher Work Samples
- Portfolios
- Action Research
- Preservice Performance Assessment
- Completer Evaluations
- Professional Development Schools



EFFECTIVE PRACTICE



BSU educator candidates will:

1. View students as holistic learners
2. Understand and value diversity
3. Use developmentally appropriate practice
4. Develop and use student-centered curriculum
5. Use research-based best practices
6. Demonstrate and integrate pedagogical content knowledge
7. Incorporate appropriate technology
8. Use appropriate assessments to refine and inform practice
9. Demonstrate moral, caring dispositions
10. Analyze learning environments
11. Reflection on teaching and learning

Initiatives:

- Unit Assessment System
- Focus on Clinical Practices
- Mentoring and Induction
- International Student Teaching Program
- Center for Advancement of STEM Education

COLLABORATION

BSU educator candidates will collaborate with:

1. Students
2. Colleagues
3. Student support personnel
4. Parents and families
5. Community members

Initiatives:

- Southeastern Massachusetts Readiness Center
- Center for PK-12 Educational Outreach
- Children's Physical Development Center
- Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center
- Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program
- Bridge Partnership
- Center for Economic Education
- Massachusetts Geographic Alliance



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