

MISSION OF THE COLLEGE

As the comprehensive public college of Southeastern Massachusetts, Bridgewater State College has a responsibility to educate the residents of Southeastern Massachusetts and the commonwealth, and to use its intellectual, scientific and technological resources to support and advance the economic and cultural life of the region and the state.

While maintaining its historic focus on the preparation of teachers, Bridgewater provides a broad range of baccalaureate degree programs through its School of Arts and Sciences, its School of Education and Allied Studies, and its School of Business. At the graduate level, the college offers the Master of Arts and Master of Science in select disciplines, as well as the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Education, the Master of Public Administration, the Master of Science in Management and the Master of Social Work. In addition, Bridgewater State College prepares current and future educators for post baccalaureate and post master's licensure.

Through the extensive information technology and distance education resources available at Bridgewater State College, including the unique John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications, the college has made technology an integral component of teaching and learning on campus, and seeks to become the regional center for the enhancement of teaching through technology for PreK-12 teachers and college faculty.

The college's growing number of innovative academic programs helps to ensure that Bridgewater State College students are prepared to think critically, communicate effectively and act responsibly within the context of personal and professional ethics. For example, BSC's Academic Achievement Center, and particularly its first-year advising program, is often cited as a model for other institutions to follow. At the same time, the Adrian Tinsley Program for Undergraduate Research represents unparalleled opportunity for students to work closely with faculty mentors and to present research and creative work at regional and national conferences.

Bridgewater State College benefits greatly from Connect, its regional partnership with other public higher education institutions in the region – the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Massasoit Community College, Bristol Community College and Cape Cod Community College. Connect functions as a vehicle for coordinating the academic, administrative and development activities of public higher education in Southeastern Massachusetts, and introduces shared activities and programs among member institutions.

ACCREDITATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Bridgewater State College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), through its commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

Other accreditations and certifications include:

- ❖ American Chemical Society (ACS)
- ❖ Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- ❖ Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)
- ❖ Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- ❖ Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- ❖ Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- ❖ International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE)
- ❖ Interstate Certification Compact (ICC)
- ❖ National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- ❖ National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)