

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE
School of Education and Allied Studies
Conceptual Framework



GROWTH
OF THE
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR



OUR MISSION for educator licensure programs at Bridgewater State College is to prepare competent, caring professionals who foster student learning. To become effective educators, candidates must demonstrate professional knowledge, skills and dispositions. They learn to continually evaluate their practice and collaborate with others to build strong classrooms and schools. 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 college.

STUDENT LEARNING

BSC educator candidates enable PK-12 students to:

1. Construct and demonstrate knowledge through authentic achievement
2. Understand and respect diversity
3. Demonstrate inquiry and enthusiasm for learning
4. Meet clear standards

Initiatives:

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



EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

BSC educator candidates will:

1. Reflect on teaching and learning
2. Analyze learning environments
3. Use research-based best practices
4. Demonstrate moral, caring dispositions
5. Understand and value diversity
6. Demonstrate and integrate pedagogical content knowledge
7. Use developmentally appropriate practice

8. Develop and use student-centered curriculum
9. Incorporate appropriate technology
10. Use appropriate assessments to refine and inform practice

Initiatives:

- Unit Assessment System
- BSC Laptop Program
- Presidential Diversity Task Force
- Focus on Clinical Practice
- Mentoring and Induction

COLLABORATION

BSC educator candidates will collaborate with:

1. Students
2. Colleagues
3. Parents and families
4. Community members

Initiatives:

- Curriculum Leadership Center
- Center for Public School Leadership
- Boston College/Teachers for a New Era partnership
- Professional Development Schools Project
- Children's Physical Developmental Clinic



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