



“The education major at Springfield College has pushed me to be a confident and inclusive educator. Springfield College got us into the classroom right away, which has allowed me to become very comfortable in the classroom setting from an early point in my career. The small class sizes have allowed me to create a voice that I have been able to carry over into my teaching. Being a Springfield College education major has instilled a passion for education and inclusion within me. I am excited to bring everything I have learned into my classroom.”

- Abigail Clinch '23

What Will You Learn?

You will learn how to create well-structured lessons and unit plans; use developmentally appropriate materials, equipment, resources, and technology in lesson and unit planning to meet the needs of diverse learners; and use targeted strategies to meet the needs of English language learners and those with disabilities.

You will reflect on practice by using ideas for improving practice from supervisors, colleagues, and resources.

Where Can You Go?

Classroom Teaching

Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education Director

Education Advocacy

Education Director

Reading Specialist

School Administration

School Counseling

Education Law

Social Work

Special Education

State Education Agencies

1st YEAR

2nd YEAR

3rd YEAR

4th YEAR

	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Pursue Knowledge	<p>Take the Springfield College Seminar.</p> <p>Take Schools, Society, and Diverse Learners.</p> <p>Take Foundations of Multicultural Education.</p>	<p>Take Child and Adolescent Development.</p> <p>Take Exceptional Learners/Writing Across the Curriculum Course.</p> <p>Finish Wellness Courses.</p> <p>Take PK-8 Math and Science Methods.</p>	<p>Take 5-12 Pre-Practicum.</p> <p>Take Literacy, Secondary, and Special Education Methods Courses.</p> <p>Take Sheltered English Instruction.</p> <p>Take PK-8 Pre-Practicum.</p> <p>Work toward your Wellness Passport goals.</p>	<p>Engage in Practicum/Student Teaching.</p> <p>Complete your Wellness Passport goals.</p>
Gain Experience	<p>Connect with the Center for Service and Leadership for mentoring opportunities in local schools.</p> <p>Learn about English, history, math, psychology, social justice, or other minors.</p> <p>Knowing another language is a valued asset in nearly all careers. Build language study into your academic and professional plan.</p>	<p>Consider joining Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.</p> <p>If you're interested in a semester abroad your junior year, start planning now with your advisor and International Center staff.</p>	<p>Develop a teaching and learning philosophy.</p> <p>Continue to develop leadership skills through attending a regional or national conference or becoming an executive board member of your club/organization.</p>	<p>Connect with the Career Center staff.</p> <p>Connect with the graduate program coordinator.</p> <p>Present a paper at Scholars in Action Day, and/or at a regional or national conference in your area of study or activity.</p>
Build Your Communities	<p>Attend the Club Fair.</p> <p>Connect with Counseling Center services and the Academic Success Center.</p> <p>Volunteer for an open house.</p> <p>Participate in the African American Read In.</p> <p>Consider a campus job, if you are eligible for work-study, or community-engaged employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Attend the Kappa Delta Pi induction ceremony.</p> <p>Participate in the African American Read In.</p> <p>Attend the American Education Week lecture.</p> <p>Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the International Center.</p>	<p>Participate in the African American Read In.</p> <p>Attend the American Education Week lecture.</p> <p>Explore short-term abroad opportunities with the International Center, as well as service-oriented spring break experiences in the U.S., like Alternative Spring Break.</p>	<p>Serve as a mentor and leader in a club of choice.</p> <p>Explore new activities you haven't tried before.</p>
Prepare for Life After College	<p>Get involved to develop transferable skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend departmental and campus events to network and meet faculty, staff, and students. Meet with a Career Counselor to explore careers and/or majors. Utilize Career Center resources, including Handshake. 	<p>Develop academic and career-related goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Career Center to research fields of interest. Have resumes and cover letters reviewed by the Career Center. Now is the time to develop your academic and career goals with your advisor and a career counselor. 	<p>Gain experiential education in your field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend networking events and job fairs to learn about employment opportunities. Plan an internship experience with your faculty internship coordinator and the Career Center. Look at graduate school requirements to ensure you are on track. 	<p>Apply for jobs or graduate school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare your applications for jobs and graduate school. Ask professionals to serve as references. Participate in mock interviews to strengthen skills and build confidence. Speak with the International Center about opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

The map offers suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. **You don't have to do it all.**