

What you can do with your Secondary Education major

As a Secondary Education major at WCSU you will study and prepare to teach students in grades 7 to 12. Graduates of this program can go on to a variety of positions, the most popular of which is teaching at the middle school to high school level. Teaching subjects include Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, History/Social Studies and Spanish. Connecticut's public school teacher certifications are awarded based upon education and experience.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of secondary education teachers is projected to grow 4-5 percent (middle-high school) from 2021 to 2031, which is average for all occupations. Rising student enrollment should increase demand, but employment growth will vary by region and on state and local government budgets. The demand for Math, Science, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Special Education is especially acute. Employment roles outside of the classroom are attainable with additional education and/or experience and include librarian, school counselor, administration, curriculum design, technical writing, editing, grant writing, policy development, and more.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:



Passion for solving problems



Emotional Intelligence



Creative Thinking



Written and Oral Communications



Persuasion



Willingness to Learn



Digital Literacy



Collaboration

How To Get Started:

- [Assess](#) your personal strengths & preferences
- [Research opportunities](#): online/in-person
- [Expand your teaching & technical](#) network and professional brand
- Get an [internship/relevant](#) work experience
- [Join a professional](#) teaching organization
- [Connect with professionals](#) through career conversations & job shadowing

Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

[Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!
www.wcsu.edu/handshake

[Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Secondary Education major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

Put your Secondary Education major to **WORK**

Common Alumni Job Titles:

- Technical Teacher
- Librarian
- Career Counselor
- Teaching Assistant
- Childcare Worker
- Principal
- Preschool Teacher

Employers of Education Majors:

- WCSU
- Danbury Public Health Department
- Wappingers Falls Public Schools
- Ridgefield Public Schools
- Education Connection
- Norwalk Public Schools
- Danbury High Schools
- New Milford Schools

Recent Secondary Edu. Alumni

Employment Sector

- 72 % Educational Services
- 9 % Health Care and Social Services
- 6 % Retail Trade
- 4 % Accommodation and Food Services
- 3 % Public Administration
- 1 % Other Services
- 1 % Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
- 1 % Wholesale Trade

Live & Work

- 85 % Connecticut
- 7 % Middle Atlantic
- 3 % South America
- 2 % East North Central
- 1 % West South Central
- 1 % New England Balance
- 1 % West North Central
- 1 % Mountain



[Elizabeth Andrzejewski](#)

B.S Secondary Education, Class of 2013
Waterbury High School Social Studies Teacher

"WCSU allowed me to develop the skills necessary to excel in the education field. I was able to create a small community with other education majors which made my time at WCSU more memorable, as I was a commuter student. I still discuss experiences I had from courses like NYC History & Culture and Middle Eastern Culture with my students today. WCSU not only impacted my education, but my personal life and I am so grateful for the experiences I had while attending!"

Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>
- <http://www.k12jobspot.com/Job/Search/Elementary/us>
- <https://www.higheredjobs.com/>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE>
- <https://www.chronicle.com/>
- <https://www.ed.gov/>
- <https://aaee.org/>
- <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>
- <https://www.nea.org/>
- <https://www.nccanet.org/>
- <https://www.naecte.org/>
- <http://www.teachers-teachers.com/>
- <http://www.ala.org/>
- <http://www.aasa.org/>



[Bianca Paoello Nesello](#)

B.S Secondary Education, Class of 2013
M.S. Counselor Education, 2016

Private Licensed Professional Counselor, School Counselor & cheerleading coach at Brookfield High School

"Being a student at WCSU was the best decision I ever made. The campus life, staff, professors and my peers shaped me into the person and professional I am today. I am especially grateful for my involvement in Student Affairs as both an undergraduate and graduate intern; these involvements taught me the 21st century soft skills that have made me successful in my life and career!"

Career Communities for Education Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Secondary Education majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- [Education and Human Services](#)
- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Healthcare, Wellness and Life Sciences](#)