The Center for Effective Instruction at Worcester State University is a key resource for teacher training and professional development. Our programs assist educators with their career goals through license renewal or with a second degree in education. Our offerings supplement those of Worcester State’s Barbara (Hickey) O’Brien ’57 Education Department, which has been preparing highly qualified teachers to lead classrooms across Massachusetts since 1874.

Known for giving individualized attention, CEI partners with school systems, alliances, and other professional development providers to teach courses and workshops in building principalship, preschool education, early childhood education, and subject content and instructional strategies for elementary, middle, and high school. The Center offers credit-bearing graduate courses, workshops that qualify for professional development points, and school-based and district-based programs.

Special offerings for teachers include:

- RETELL Sheltered English Immersion
- License as an Administrator
- Using technology in the classroom

Some credit-bearing courses may be eligible for transfer into our Master of Education programs. Courses will be reviewed for transfer by our Graduate Program Coordinators.

Center for Effective Instruction Courses

CI 900: Special Topics in Professional Development in Education (non-credit)

Non-credit workshop or course on a variety of topics related to professional development for educators.

CI 971: Special Topics in Professional Development in Education (1-6 credits)

In-depth explorations of contemporary educational topics or issues relating to teacher training.