

# WESTCHESTER GRADUATE CAMPUS



## **“First-Step Program”** **For Purchase College Students**

### **What is it?**

This is an educational initiative whereby matriculated Purchase College students, interested in becoming teachers, may take **6 graduate credits** at Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University, at a **50% graduate tuition reduction**, which will apply towards **both** their undergraduate degree at Purchase and their MS.Ed. at The Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University.

Besides taking the graduate credits while still undergraduates, future teachers will receive program advisement from faculty and administrators at The Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University to prepare them for New York State Teacher Certification in their chosen areas. They will also become a part of the teacher education community at WGC and be invited to participate in various activities offered through teacher education and its involvement with area schools.

### **"First-Step Possibilities"**

<b>Purchase College Degree*</b>	<b>WGC of LIU MS.Ed. Degree and New York State Certification</b>
BA - History, Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Foreign Language(s) BA - Political Science or Economics may require add'l credits in History BS - Biology, Chemistry	Middle Childhood/Adolescence (Gr. 5-12) Social Studies Or Middle Childhood/Adolescence English Or Middle Childhood/Adolescence Science Or Middle Childhood/Adolescence Math Or Middle Childhood/Adolescence Foreign Language
BA - Psychology, Sociology, Liberal Studies, History, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Political Science, Economics, Languages BS - Biology, Chemistry	Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6) Or Childhood and Special Education Or Childhood and Literacy Or TESOL (English as a Second Language) Or Childhood and TESOL

**You are already here, why go anywhere else?**

## What does it do?

“**The First-Step Program**” gives matriculated Purchase College students an opportunity to experience coursework at the undergraduate and graduate levels in preparation for careers as teachers and become a part of the teacher education community at WGC of LIU.

## How do I participate?

- You must successfully complete one undergraduate course offered by Purchase College in conjunction with WGC of LIU; *Introduction to Teaching* (SOC3203.20) with a grade of B+ or better.
- You apply to the "**First-Step Program**" by completing an application form, and submitting two strong professional recommendations (one from the instructor of the course above and one from another Purchase College faculty member), and an essay outlining your professional goals as a teacher.
- You must have an overall GPA of 3.00 in academic subject courses upon application and must have successfully completed the Purchase College writing proficiency requirement.

## Then what?

When you are awarded your undergraduate degree, you will officially become a Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University graduate student, **eligible for a 25% tuition reduction** on the remainder of the courses required for the MS.Ed.

\*It may be necessary to have taken specific undergraduate courses required for the desired certificate(s). It is essential that you meet with your Purchase College advisor and an advisor from the Education Program at The Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University.

## For Additional Information:

Call WGC/Admissions, 914-251-2701 or e-mail [cindy.doctor@liu.edu](mailto:cindy.doctor@liu.edu) or stop by our campus, located in the Dance Building, fill out an application and make an appointment to meet with a Program Director.

## **GRADUATE EDUCATION DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND.**

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