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### **WSU- Strengthening Pathways from Students to Teacher: Filling Special Education & Elementary Classroom Vacancies**

#### **Project Summary:**

Wichita State University's Teacher Apprentice Program and the School of Education Elementary and Early Childhood faculty will launch a new undergraduate initial teacher licensure recruitment initiative with our community college partners. This initiative entails three collaborative strategies that aim towards meeting the primary goal of reducing barriers for students within our community college partnerships, thus increasing the number of participants who will complete a course of instruction leading to Kansas licensure in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Unified. To meet this goal, the project will aim to increase the collaboration efforts between WSU, Butler Community College and WSU Tech by hosting targeted recruitment efforts, offering high school students' free tuition for the Introduction to Education courses at our community college partners and creating the Shocker Teacher Scholarship for transfer students in hard-to-fill disciplines.

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