

TEACHER LICENSURE FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT UMASS BOSTON

Do you think you might be interested in becoming qualified to be a teacher as part of your undergraduate program at UMass Boston?

If so, and if you are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts or College of Science and Math, we are pleased to let you know that the Teacher Education Program, located in the College of Education and Human Development, offers a sequence of courses and field work for undergraduates that lead to teacher licensure in a number of areas.

Areas in which Teacher Education is offered

- **Early Childhood Education**: Grades PreK-2
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- **Elementary Education**: Grades 1 through 6
- **Middle School Education**: Grades 5 through 8
- **Secondary Education**: Grades 8 through 12
In – Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English, French (5-12)
History, Italian (5-12), Mathematics, Music (K-12)
Political Science, Physics, Spanish (5-12).

Program Requirements

The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that all candidates for teacher licensure must have completed a major in one of the liberal arts or sciences. CLA/CSM students interested in Elementary education can select any of the majors offered by the College; those interested in Secondary education must major in the subject area in which they plan to seek licensure.

Note: Education courses required for licensure may NOT be taken Pass/Fail.

Students must register according to the course sequence listed below.

Students in the education program must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 for the University, major, and program of study.

Program Requirements for Early Childhood Please see Early Childhood Brochure for detailed information regarding the requirements for the program.

For Students Interested in Elementary School Teaching:

General Education: You must take 36 semester hours (credits) addressing the following topics: composition; American literature; world literature, including British literature; U.S. history from colonial times to the present; world history, including European history, from ancient times to the present; geography; economics; U.S. government, including founding documents; science laboratory work; and mathematics. These are the state regulations. You do not need to take a course in every topic. The following courses are suggested as a way to meet these requirements in a satisfactory manner while completing some of your distribution requirements.

English 206 *Six American Authors (HU)*
History 165 *Amer. Hist. Before 1877 (HU)*
History 114 *Modern World Hist OR (SB)*
History 111 *Foundations of Western Civ (HU)*
English 201 *Five British Writers (HU)*
*Psych 1001/101 *Intro to Psychology (SB)*
*Psych 341 *Infancy & Child Development*
Econ 100 *Intro to Economic Issues (SB)*
E&GSCI 102 *World Regional Geography*
*Take science with a lab
*Math Q114 *Quantitative Reasoning or*
Math 115 *College Algebra*

*The starred courses **must** be included in the 36 required credits; the others are strongly recommended, but may be substituted with similar or equivalent courses.

Sequence of Courses and Field Experience for Teacher Licensure*

Elementary Education (1-6)

Semester 1:	EDC G 441	Contemporary Issues In Education	3 Cr
Semester 2:	EDC G 403	Creating Effective Learning Environments	3 Cr
	EDC G 417	Applied Research in Language & Literacy Dev.	3Cr
	EDC G 446	Understanding Reading: Princ. & Practices	3 Cr
	EDC G 420	Elementary Ed Pre –Pract Experience I	1 Cr
Semester 3:	EDC G 416	Fostering the Development of Mathematical Thinking	3 Cr
	EDC G 425	Curriculum Development for Elementary Classrooms	3 Cr
	EDC G 421	Elementary Ed. Pre-Pract Experience II	1 Cr
Semester 4:	EDC G 498	Practicum & Seminar: Elementary Education	12 Cr
			(32 Cr)

Health Education Requirement- (One Saturday, no charge; schedule available in Student Services)

For Students Interested in Secondary or Middle School Teaching:

General Education: You must take Psychology 100 or 101 (Introduction to Psychology) and Psychology 342 (Adolescence).

The Major: You must major in the subject area in which you are planning to seek licensure (see subject areas on the first page). When selecting courses for your major, you are encouraged to review the state curriculum frameworks in your major area to ensure that your academic experiences parallel the elements of the state frameworks. This will also strengthen your ability to be in demand in your subject areas.

Licensure at all levels requires completion of a major in the Liberal Arts or Sciences. Students must check with their major department about any special requirements for Teacher Preparation.

Middle School (grades 5-8 in subject area)

Semester 1:	EDC G 441	Contemporary Issues in Education	3 Cr
Semester 2:	EDC G 629	Foundations of Middle School Teaching	3 Cr
	EDC G 410	Computers- Technology and Education	3 Cr
	EDC G 422	Middle/Secondary Pre-Prac Field Experience 1	1 Cr
Semester 3:	EDC G 460	Designing Secondary Curriculum & Learning Strategies	3 Cr
	EDC G 465/466/467	Methods of teaching in discipline#	3 Cr
	EDC G 423	Middle/Secondary Pre-Prac Experience 2	1 Cr
Semester 4:	EDC G 498	Practicum and Seminar: Secondary Education	12 Cr
			(29 Cr)

Secondary Education (9-12 in subject area)

Semester 1:	EDC G 441	Contemporary Issues in Education	3 Cr
Semester 2:	EDC G 424	Cultures of the High School	3 Cr
	EDC G 410	Computers- Technology and Education	3 Cr
	EDC G 422	Middle/Secondary Pre-Prac Field Experience 1	1 Cr
Semester 3:	EDC G 460	Designing Secondary Curriculum & Learning Strategies	3 Cr
	EDC G 465/466/467	Methods of teaching in discipline#	3 Cr
	EDC G 423	Middle/Secondary Pre-Prac Experience 2	1 Cr
Semester 4:	EDC G 498	Practicum and Seminar: Secondary Education	12 Cr
			(29 Cr)

***There may be revision to the Program requirements to reflect on-going developments in state regulations and educational reform**

One methods course required, specific to the subject you plan to teach

Undergrad Teacher Education - Heads Up!

MTEL

- ◆ Passing scores on all appropriate MTEL scores are required before you can apply to be admitted to your Practicum/Student Teaching (see below).
- ◆ Passing scores on both subtests (Reading & Writing) of the Communications & Literacy section of the MTEL by the end of your first year in the program.
- ◆ **Elementary educators** must pass Communications & Literacy, General Curriculum Multi-Subject, General Curriculum Math Subtest, and Foundations of Reading.
- ◆ **Middle School educators** must pass Communications & Literacy and the appropriate subject area test.
- ◆ **Secondary educators** must pass Communications & Literacy and the appropriate subject area test.
- ◆ Registration for the MTEL can be done online at www.mtel.nesinc.com. Information is also available in the Student Services Office in W-1-050. Online you'll find sample test questions, test objective outlines and other info. We also offer workshops for Communication & Literacy, Foundations of Reading, and the Math Subtest for General Curriculum during the academic school year. Check in with the Student Services Office to find out details and sign up to attend.
- ◆ Test results are only available 5 weeks after the test date and subject tests are only offered in the afternoons, so make sure you plan ahead in relation to your Practicum/Student Teaching semester.

Practicum/Student Teaching

- ◆ The culminating event/ achievement/ experience-get ready!
- ◆ Make sure to **apply the semester before** you plan to go into Practicum/Student Teaching – **Oct. 1st for Spring and March 1st for Fall.**
- ◆ Applications are available in the Student Services Office in W-1-050.
- ◆ Put a lot into your pre-practicum experience to work on career building and perhaps to set up a good Practicum site. Work with your professors and cooperating teachers in the schools to learn and practice as much as possible.
- ◆ The **Teacher Education Office** can help you with detailed questions. You can contact them at 617-287- 4852 or stop by the W-2-056.

Advising Services

- ◆ Make sure to meet with your advisor at least once a semester.
 - ◆ If you ever have questions about how to get in touch with your faculty advisor or if you ever want to set up an appointment with the Director or if you just want to get a quick answer to a question, the Student Services Office is the key resource. Email: Student.ServicesEd@umb.edu Phone: 617-287-7625
 - ◆ Just as you'll teach your future students, remember to take charge of and responsibility for your education – we're here to help you do it
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TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATES
Some Questions and Answers

Will I be qualified to get a teaching job when I graduate?

YES, if you have done the following:

- Completed a B.S or B.A degree with a major in one of the liberal arts or sciences.
- **Completed a teacher certification program approved by the Department of Education**
- Passed successfully the Massachusetts Teacher Educator Licensure test required by the Department of Education.
- You are of sound moral character.

You will receive Initial Licensure which is valid for five years of employment.

How do I apply for the Undergraduate Program for Initial Licensure?

You are eligible to apply to the Program once you have acquired a minimum of 30 credits). Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to apply; **Please start preparing for the Communications and Literacy sections of the Massachusetts Educator's Test prior to applying, so that you may attempt the exam within your first semester of your program.**

Application forms in the Student Services Office (Wheatley 1- 050)

A Final Note:

Licensure programs in Special Education and ESL education are available at the graduate level only.

