Teaching in Massachusetts

- Review [Out-of-State Applicant](#) information

- Review Massachusetts Educator Licensure Series video: [Prepared Outside of Massachusetts and Obtaining Your First Teacher License](#)

- Complete [online application](#) for an **Initial License**

- Massachusetts requires an [SEI Teacher Endorsement](#)
  - Some students have taken EDCI 5742 – Sheltered English Instruction for English Language Learners and later submitted a [transcript review request](#) (retain the syllabus).

- You must download and complete the [verification of out-of-state program form](#) and email to Diane Matteau, diane.matteau@uconn.edu. We will sign it and mail it back to you (MA wants original signed copy) once you have completed all requirements (Master’s degree posted on transcript, licensure tests passed, etc.).

- Official transcript (with verification of bachelor’s degree)

- **Required Licensure Tests**
  - Subject area test(s) - [www.doe.mass.edu/mtel/testrequire.html/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mtel/testrequire.html/)
  - Elementary Education candidates may be able to waive the MTEL **Foundations of Reading Test** using their Connecticut Foundations of Reading Test score. CT Foundations 090 test will only be accepted by MA until 12/31/2021. Plan to take CT Foundations 190 test to satisfy the MA requirement.
  - Register for MTEL and find out more about tests.

- **Professional License:**
  - In Massachusetts, after teaching for five years under an Initial teaching license, you are required to obtain a professional license, which has both experience and education requirements.
  - Students who already hold a master’s degree (such as IB/M or TCPCG graduates), may be able to meet the education-related requirement for professional license with the “**12-Credit Option**.” For example, some of the courses from an IB/M or TCPCG students’ master’s program may count toward this 12-credit option.
  - Courses must clearly demonstrate that they are related to content. For example, an elementary education teacher could use a course such as elementary math. So, if you are interested in teaching in Massachusetts, you may want to take several content-related courses as electives (all Neag teaching students must take at least one content or content-related course). See the [12-credit Pre-Approval form](#) and [12-credit Educator Reference Guide](#) for more info.
  - Ultimately, whether a course counts toward the 12-credit option is up to Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education evaluators.

*These requirements may change. Always verify requirements with the appropriate state office.*
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