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 Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) 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 may qualify for a provisional license if you do not have SEI endorsement
- 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
  - Communication and Literacy Skills: http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/
  - Subject area test(s) - 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.
  - 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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