

Neag School of Education

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](#)
 - [Pathways to Earning SEI Endorsement](#)
 - Some Neag students have taken EDCI 5742 – Sheltered English Instruction for English Language Learners and later submitted a [transcript review request](#) (retain the syllabus).
 - OR you can take and pass the [SEI MTEL](#) to receive SEI Endorsement
 - OR you can take an approved [SEI Endorsement course](#) (for-cost at another university)
 - 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**
 - [What tests do I need to take?](#)
 - Communication and Literacy Skills: <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/>
 - You must meet this before your application can be reviewed
 - 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 "[Master's and 12-Credit Option](#)." Some of the courses from an IB/M or TCPCG students' master's program may count toward this 12-credit option.
 - Download and review the [12 Credit Pre-approval form](#)
 - Courses must clearly demonstrate that they are related to content. 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 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.

Questions?

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