



Lynch School of Education & Human Development Boston College

Licensure Disclosure

The Lynch School of Education and Human Development (LSEHD) at Boston College offers Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.), Master of Arts in Counseling, and programs that prepare undergraduate and graduate students for Initial licensure in fields of education, educational leadership and counseling. Boston College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The teacher education, educational leadership and school counseling programs are based in Massachusetts and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Initial licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In order to teach in Massachusetts public schools, educators must be licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the field, role, and grade level of the license sought. To be eligible for the initial license, applicants must complete an approved educator preparation program that leads to the desired license.

Successful completion of LSEHD program requirements leads to endorsement for Initial licensure to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Program endorsement, along with successful completion of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTELEs), enables students to receive an Initial license as an educator in Massachusetts. The initial license is valid for five years and may be renewed once for an additional five years.

As of July 1, 2014, educators applying for their first Initial license in Massachusetts must obtain the Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) Endorsement. Teacher candidates can qualify for the SEI Endorsement by successfully completing the state-approved teacher education programs at Boston College that lead to initial licensure in Massachusetts. The requirements for endorsement are embedded into the undergraduate and graduate Programs of Study. Candidates earn this endorsement by completing the approved Program of Study for the designated initial licensure program and graduating from Boston College.

Initial Licensure in Massachusetts

The LSEHD programs outlined below meet the educational requirements for an Initial license in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



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LSEHD Degree/Certificate	Massachusetts Teacher License
Early Childhood Education, M.Ed.	Early Childhood, Initial: PreK-2
Elementary Education, M.Ed.	Elementary, Initial: 1-6
Secondary Education, M.Ed.	Biology, Initial: 8-12 Chemistry, Initial: 8-12 Earth and Space Science, Initial:8-12 English, Initial: 5-12 Foreign Language: French, Initial: 5-12 Foreign Language: Spanish, Initial: 5-12 History, Initial: 5-12 Mathematics, Initial: 8-12 Physics, Initial: 8-12
Special Education for Moderate Support Needs, M.Ed.	Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, Initial: PreK–8 or 5–12
Special Education for Extensive Support Needs, M.Ed.	Teacher of Students with Severe Disabilities, Initial: All
Elementary Education & Moderate Support Needs, M.Ed.	Elementary, Initial: 1-6 Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, Initial: PreK–8 or 5–12
Secondary Education & Moderate Support Needs, M.Ed.	Biology, Initial: 8-12 Chemistry, Initial: 8-12 Earth and Space Science, Initial:8-12 English, Initial: 5-12 Foreign Language: French, Initial: 5-12 Foreign Language: Spanish, Initial: 5-12 History, Initial: 5-12



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	Mathematics, Initial: 8-12 Physics, Initial: 8-12 Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, Initial: PreK–8 or 5–12
Moderate & Extensive Support Needs, M.Ed.	Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, Initial: PreK–8 or 5–12 Teacher of Students with Severe Disabilities, Initial: All
School Counseling, M.A.	School Counselor, Initial: PreK–8 or 5–12
Educational Leadership & Policy, M.Ed.	Principal/Assistant Principal, Initial: PreK–8, 5–12
Certificate / Bilingual Education	Bilingual Education Endorsement

Out-of-State Licensure

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a participating member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement. This agreement is designed to provide pathways for educators seeking licensure in a different state/territory than where they completed an educator preparation program and/or hold a license and/or certificate. Graduates of Boston College’s state-approved teacher education programs may be eligible for out-of-state licensure through reciprocity in the states and territories participating in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Please note the following, as it applies to reciprocity through this interstate agreement:

- The NASDTEC Interstate Agreement does not automatically grant reciprocity to individuals seeking to move among and between member states and territories and “each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to NASDTEC or your university's certification officers or your state's office of certification” (<https://www.nasdtc.net/page/InterstateAgreements>).



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- The interstate agreement does not exempt individuals from degree, testing and/or additional prerequisite requirements applicable to the license sought in the participating state.
- Individuals seeking reciprocity as an academic teacher in Massachusetts, for example, are required to secure a Sheltered English Language (SEI) endorsement to be eligible for an initial license. Individuals seeking licensure outside of Massachusetts are encouraged to review the reciprocity guidelines and regulations from the appropriate state department of education and/or licensing body.
- Each participating NASDTEC state ultimately determines which license a graduate is eligible for through reciprocity.

You may contact the Office of Field Placement & Partnership Outreach, prac@bc.edu for more information about how to determine whether the program meets requirements for licensure or certification in the state in which you plan to practice.

Questions?

The Lynch School's Office of Field Placement and Outreach may also be contacted for questions or additional information:

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For students enrolled in an online program track, information on license eligibility by state can be found at Boston College's Distance Education Policies website: [Programs Leading to Professional Licensure](#).