

## Masters of Education in Elementary Education (1-6)

**Program Overview** The post-baccalaureate programs in Elementary Education prepare candidates to work in grades 1 through 6. Through coursework and field experiences, students develop understanding of subject matter knowledge, curriculum design, instructional strategies, observation and assessment, communication, and collaboration with families and the community. The Masters of Education programs in Elementary Education are designed in two tracks: 1) a 21-credit post-baccalaureate program that leads to Initial Licensure, **and an optional** 15 additional credit program to obtain a Masters degree in Initial Licensure, 2) a 36- credit Appropriate Master's Degree Program that leads to Professional Licensure.

### Master of Education in Elementary Education: Initial Licensure Program

#### ***Admission Requirements:***

1) Application form and fee, 2) statement of professional goals, 3) official transcripts of all academic work (at a minimum a Bachelor's degree), 4) two letters of recommendation, 5) a passing score on the Communication & Literacy test, 6) copy of all Massachusetts teacher licenses, if any, and 7) official score on either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or GRE.

#### ***The Program of Study for the Elementary Education Initial Licensure:***

*ED	502	Effective Classroom Strategies in Elementary Education	3 cr.
*EDU	504	Theories of Curriculum Design (pre-practicum experience)	3 cr.
*RDG	506	Emergence of Literacy	3 cr.
*EDU	501	Portfolio Assessment	3 cr.
*ARS	535	Teaching Health Education Concepts with Visual and Performing Arts	3 cr.
*EDU	510	Practicum Experience: Teacher of Elementary Education	3 cr.
*EDU	511	Reflective Seminar	3 cr.
EDC	570	Understanding the Dynamics of Student Aspirations	3 cr.
EDC	510	Policy Analysis, Leadership and Change Processes	3 cr.
ED	580	Innovative Practices	3 cr.
ED	581	Technology in Education	3 cr.
EDU	582	Research Methods	3 cr.
<b>Comprehensive Examination Total masters degree requirement:</b>			<b>36 credits</b>

\* Courses required for obtaining Initial Licensure in Elementary Education (1-6).

#### ***Completion Requirements of the Program:***

To exit from the Elementary program for Initial Licensure, students must successfully complete all of the required courses, fieldwork, and the comprehensive examination. Students who do not possess an Initial license in any field are also required to pass the Foundations of Reading test and the General Curriculum test prior to the beginning of the practicum experience for successful completion of the Initial Licensure Master of Elementary Education program.

## Master of Education in Elementary Education and Early Childhood : Professional Licensure Program

*Overview* The 36-credit Appropriate Master's Degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood prepares early childhood and elementary level educators who already possess an Initial license in the field with a program of study that prepares them to be eligible for professional licensure in the state of Massachusetts. The Appropriate Master's combines the study of advanced level subject matter and pedagogy in mathematics, science, civics, and English, with an in-depth examination of research methods, policy analysis, leadership, the social history of American education, and the foundations of student aspirations. Preparing practicing early childhood and elementary school teachers to build a deeper understanding of the subjects they teach, the Appropriate Master's also provides educators with the opportunity to better examine the trends in twenty-first century American education that impact their students, schools, and lives as teachers.

***Pre-requisite:*** Possession of an Initial License in Elementary Education or Early Childhood.

### ***Admission Requirements:***

1) Application form and fee, 2) statement of professional goals, 3) official transcripts of all academic work (at a minimum a Bachelor's degree), 4) two letters of recommendation, 5) a copy of a Massachusetts Initial License in Elementary Education (1-6) or Early Childhood (PreK-2), and 6) official score on either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or GRE.

### ***Program of Study for the Appropriate Master's and Professional Licensure in Elementary Education (1-6)OR Early Childhood (PreK-2):***

MTH579	Developing Mathematical Ideas Through Applications	3 cr.
SCN571	Methods of Teaching Natural Sciences to Children/Field Study	3 cr.
HST531	Civic Learning in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3 cr.
RDG504	Family Literacy Connections	3 cr.
EDC525	Social Context in American Schooling	3 cr.
EDC570	Understanding the Dynamics of Student Aspirations	3 cr.
EDC510	Policy Analysis, Leadership and Change Processes	3 cr.
RDG502	Learning and Cognition	3 cr.
RDG511	Children's Literature	3 cr.
ED580	Innovative Practices in Education	3 cr.
ED581	Technology in Education	3 cr.
EDU582	Research Methods	3 cr.

### ***Comprehensive Examination\****

**Total Masters Degree Requirement for Professional License: 36 credits**

### ***Completion of the Program:***

To complete the Appropriate Master's Degree program, students must successfully complete all of the required courses and the comprehensive examination.

***Eligibility for Professional Licensure*** According to DOE regulations, a Professional License is granted to individuals who possess an initial license, have completed an Appropriate Masters degree in an education school, have completed a one-year induction program with a mentor, and

have completed at least three years of employment in the role of the license. Students completing the master's degree who have not met the other requirements for the Professional license, including a one-year induction program with a mentor, and at least three years of employment in the role of the license, i.e., elementary education, will be advised to apply for the Professional license when they have met these requirements. Students who have met the induction and employment requirements will be advised to apply for their professional license with the Department of Education after completion of the program.

### **Other Options for Early Childhood and Elementary Education**

Please also refer to the program of study for Master of Education in Initial Licensure in Reading & Literacy as another option for obtaining professional licensure in Early Childhood and Elementary Education.