



Minnesota Board of Teaching

**Licensing of Candidates Trained
in Other States**

MN Licensure Eligibility

In order for out-of-state teacher candidates to be eligible for a Minnesota license, their teacher preparation programs must:

- Be regionally accredited (if offered by a college or university) and approved by the state in which the program is offered , qualifying the applicant for full licensure in that state.
- Be in a licensure field for which Minnesota has licenses and rules
- Be essentially equivalent in content and scope to approved Minnesota teacher preparation programs

MN Licensure Eligibility

In order for out-of-state teacher candidates to be eligible for a Minnesota license, their teacher preparation programs must:

- Evidence supervised clinical experiences, including student teaching (or equivalent experience) in the subject and grade level of licensure requested
- Field specific methods of teaching in the licensure field and at the licensure level
- Evidence that the applicant has a baccalaureate degree with a major, or the equivalent, in the field of intended licensure.

Processing...

- * Applications are received through the Online Licensing System on the **MN Department of Education's website**
- * All supplemental documentation is required to be submitted via U.S. Mail
(transcripts, fingerprint cards, background check information, course descriptions, etc.)
- * Applicants are asked to provide all documentation for consideration in one complete package

Current Statutory Requirements

Issuance of a Full time standard 5 year license

- * Training in the teaching of reading
- * Training in multicultural education (Human Relations) and specifically training that addresses history, culture and language of Minnesota's American Indian population
- * MN Basic Skills testing
- * MN Pedagogy Testing
- * MN Content (Subject area) Testing

Many candidates trained outside of MN are issued a 1 year full time license to facilitate employment, while meeting these requirements.

Board of Teaching Role

If clarification is needed regarding the result of a licensure determination, the MN Board of Teaching may be contacted to discuss next steps or options for an appeal under MN Rule 8710.0900.

Changes to Testing Requirements

- * Immersion & World Language Teachers that are non-native English Speakers are not required to take the Basic Skills Exam
- * The Board has adopted ACT and SAT scores to be used to meet the Basic Skills requirement
- * Recommendations from the Board have been incorporated into FY15 RFP for FY 16 testing changes. The RFP is set to be released in April 2015.
- * edTPA is now required for all candidates in MN teacher preparation programs. Minnesota candidates may present composite scores to be recognized for licensure in select states.

Changes to Licensing Procedures

- * Candidates that can provide recommendation for the same licensure field from a state approved program for 7-12 licensure in another state, passing MTLE exam scores, training in middle level specific pedagogy and student teaching or equivalent experience may be granted the full MN 5-12 license.
- * Middle level course options across MN teacher training programs are provided for those needing to address deficiencies in their training in the areas of adolescent psychology or middle level pedagogy.
- * The requirement for student teaching can be met through a supervised equivalent experience (e.g. residency program, district supported mentorship and induction program during teaching)
- * Bi-weekly meetings are held with MDE/BOT staff to provide in-depth review of any applications that do not appear to meet qualifications prior to a denial being issued.

Changes to the Role of MN Institutions

- * Out of state candidates needing course work but requiring less than 50% of a program's total requirements need not receive a recommendation for licensure from that institution to apply for licensure.
- * Candidates can submit a transcript demonstrating that they have addressed any noted deficiencies to reapply for full MN licensure.
- * Training regarding advising out of state candidates was provided to all MN institutions and their licensure certification officers to provide clarification and consistency.

Changes for the Board of Teaching

- * A licensure committee of the Board has been established to review licensure appeals for those who have been denied licensure or have appealed their determination.
- * Candidates are asked to submit any additional information that may not have been initially considered within the licensure process to meet identified deficiencies.
- * Licensure Rules that are presenting barriers have been identified for specific fields. Rulemaking initiatives will be targeted to begin to address these fields (e.g. DAPE Dec-2014)

Following Legislative Session...

- * Implementation of new licensure options
- * Streamlining Recommendations to be made by BOT/MDE Working group specific to Special Education licensure
- * Interstate Agreements to be put in place with 5 Border states (WI, IA, IL, ND, SD)