

TEC ELEMENTARY TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE PROGRAM

Goal:

To provide participants with the skills necessary to become effective elementary educators with Professional licensure from the Massachusetts Department of Education

Licenses:

- Elementary Classroom Teachers Professional License Grades 1-6
- Program is NOT for Special Education and Specialist Area license holders

Program Components:

- A cohort model, where participants go through the program at the same time
- Two graduate level courses with one in the fall/ winter semester and the second in the winter/spring semester in literacy and mathematics.
- Completion of a reflective journal and portfolio

Time:

- The program can be completed in one year
- Courses meet one day per week from 3:45-7:00 PM
- 90 contact hours of content-based seminars and 50 hours of mentored experience

Requirements:

- A completed application form
- One recommendation from your building principal
- Submission of a copy of their educator license
- Completion of two years of employment under that license
- \$50 application fee

Cost:

- 2007-2008 cost is \$1900 for the entire program for teachers in TEC communities
- An additional \$200 for teachers in non-TEC communities

Information:

- Go to www.tec-coop.org and click on licensure
- Or contact Janice Yelland at jyelland@comcast.net

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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Grades 1-6

Do I need to have a teaching position in a TEC community to participate in the TEC Teacher Licensure Program?

Do I need to have a job to apply?

What are the courses that are required for the program?

Is there a payment schedule for the fees or must I pay all at once?

Is there any financial aid available?

What support will I get to complete the portfolio?

Will I receive credit for the courses I take?

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How heavy is the work load?

What is the deadline for applying?

Do I need to have a teaching position in a TEC community to participate in the TEC Teacher Licensure Program?

No, the program is open to all. There is an additional charge of \$200 for non-TEC participants.

Do I need to have a job to apply?

Yes you need to have completed at least two years of employment under an Elementary Initial License and presently hold a position.

How will I be supervised?

TEC will provide a program advisor who will meet with your cohort four times,

What are the courses that are required for the program?

Connecting Mathematical Concepts and Teaching
Literacy Instruction

Is there a payment schedule for the fees or must I pay all at once?

There is an initial non-refundable deposit due in April, followed by payments in August and December.

Is there any financial aid available?

TEC does not provide financial assistance, but you should explore any tuition reimbursement programs offered by your district. The 8 credits you may receive could also help you make a lane change on your district's pay scale.

What support will I get to complete the portfolio?

The TEC advisor will guide you to develop your portfolio.

Will I receive credit for the courses I take?

You will obtain credits from Framingham State College.

I have questions about my current license and/or my licensure status. Can TEC help me?

The regulations from the DOE are complicated. While we interpret them as best we can, we are not experts. Only the DOE can give you a definitive answer to your questions. You can also sign in to the DOE web site to check your current status.

How heavy is the work load?

The courses you will take are at a graduate level. They have requirements that may include reading, research papers, presentations, and projects. You will find them challenging and demanding, but with reasonable expectations.

What is the deadline for applying?

The deadline is mid-April. We need time to process your application and schedule an interview before the first class begins in the fall. Contact us if you missed the deadline and still want to be considered.