

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY TEACHER LICENSURE

The general course requirements for Teacher Candidates (TCs) who attain initial teacher licensure through the Wellesley Teacher Scholars program include 9 course units in education and requisite coursework in their area of licensure. The education course requirements for secondary licensure align with the education studies major, so we encourage Teacher Candidates to consider pursuing both.\*

### EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) You will take **EDUC 214 Ecologies of Education: Youth, Family, Community, and Power** anytime before your senior year. EDUC 214 is usually offered during the spring semester. [1 unit]
- 2) You will take an **Education Research and Theory course** that aligns with an area of interest. You can review the Education Research and Theory course options within the [education studies major section of the course catalog](#). If you would like to declare the education studies major with the licensure program, you must take either EDUC 215 or EDUC 120 to fulfill this requirement.\* [1 unit]
- 3) You will take **EDUC 325 Educating English Learners**. The course is offered by Professor Tutin at Wellesley every fall; it is offered by Professor Palaia at MIT every spring. It is best if the course is completed by the end of your junior year. [1 unit]
- 4) You will take **EDUC 300 Teaching and Curriculum in Middle and High School** in the fall of your senior year. [1 unit]
- 5) While taking EDUC 300, you will also enroll in **EDUC 398H Pre-Practicum Field Experience** in the fall of your senior year. This half-course unit covers the pre-practicum fieldwork in a public school where you will complete your teacher internship as well as your related engagement with your Supervising Practitioner and Program Supervisor. [1/2 unit]
- 6) After successful completion of EDUC 300 and the Gateway Assessment, you will take **EDUC 399H Teacher Education Practicum** during the January wintersession. The course represents the start of your full-time student teaching practicum. [1/2 unit]
- 7) You will take **EDUC 339 Critical Perspectives, Practice, and Reflection in Teaching and Curriculum** in the spring of your senior year. [1 unit]
- 8) You will take **EDUC 303 Practicum: Curriculum and Supervised Teaching** in the spring of your senior year. This course supports the supervision of your teaching internship. You will register for the section associated with your faculty supervisor (Professor Hong or Tutin) [1 unit]
- 9) You will take **EDUC 340 Practicum: Advanced Methods in Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment** in the spring of your senior year. This course supports you as you develop your role as a lead teacher, 100 hours. [1 unit]
- 10) You will take **EDUC 341 Practicum: Inquiry-Based Fieldwork and Evidence-Based Practice in Culturally and Linguistically Sustaining Teaching** in the spring of your senior year. This course supports your development in inquiry-based fieldwork and research. [1 unit]

## SUBJECT MATTER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the licensure courses in the education department listed above, you will also complete requisite coursework in your area of licensure. We recommend that this be represented by the successful completion of a major in your content area. It is still possible, however, to attain licensure with a minor in the content area.

Guidelines for meeting subject matter knowledge requirements in the area of licensure can be found in the [Program Plans + SMK Charts folder](#).

## PRE-PRACTICUM AND PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

You must complete 380 hours of student teaching across pre-practicum and practicum experiences during the 2024-25 academic year. This is a minimum requirement, and we work with TCs to ensure that their student teaching hours are well over that minimum threshold.

## CAP PROCESS

You must complete a successful assessment of your teaching through completion of the Candidate Assessment of Performance (CAP) process.

## MTELS

You must take and pass the subject matter MTEL (Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure) as well as the Communication and Literacy Skills MTEL.

## DEGREE COMPLETION

Completion of the bachelor's degree is required for licensure.