



Agricultural Education: Initial Licensure

In order to be recommended for your Minnesota 5-12 agricultural education and coordinator of work-based learning teaching licenses, you must successfully complete the following licensure requirements.

Required Coursework

You must complete the following licensure coursework with an overall cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and with individual course grades of a C- or better, as well as your [BS degree requirements](#).

Content Prerequisite Courses

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR)

Animal Science (7 cr)
Applied Economics & Agribusiness (7 cr)
Career Exploration (2 cr)
Food Science (3 cr)
Natural Resources (3 cr)
Plant Science (4 cr)
Soil Science (4 cr)
Technology (Ag Mechanics) (8 cr)

Common Content Courses

CI 5163: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning I (1 cr) AND CI 5164: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning II (2 cr)
CI 5307: Technology for Teaching and Learning (1.5 cr)
CI 5452: Reading in the Content Areas (2 cr)
CI 4602: English Learners and Academic Language (1 cr)
EPSY 4001: Teaching Students with Special Needs (1 cr)
OLPD 5005: School and Society (2 cr)
OLPD 5009: Human Relations: Applied Skills for School and Society (1 cr)

Licensure Content Specific Courses

AECM 2096: Career Exploration & Early Field Experience in Agricultural Education, Communication, and Marketing (2 cr)
AECM 5115: Foundations of Agricultural Education (3 cr)
AECM 5125: Designing Curriculum & Instruction for Agricultural Education (3 cr)
AECM 5135: Instructional Methodology for Agricultural Education (3 cr)
AECM 5145: Agricultural Education Classroom & Program Leadership (3 cr)
AECM 5155: Agricultural Education Teaching Seminar (3 cr)
AECM 5696: Teaching Internship [10 cr]

See reverse for clinical field experiences, testing assessment information and license application information.



Clinical and Field Experiences

Field experience for UMN Twin Cities teacher candidates is an intentionally planned part of each licensure program. In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates in the agricultural education program must complete 130 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching. This program culminates with 15 weeks of full-time student teaching.

Minnesota State Assessments

[edTPA \(Education Teacher Performance Assessment\)](#)

You must successfully complete and submit your edTPA portfolio, as stipulated by PELSB, before being recommended for your MN teaching license. edTPA is introduced in your program method courses, and you will complete it in conjunction with your student teaching. Follow the instructional documents available at our [edTPA resource website](#).

Submitting Your Minnesota License Application

Once the above requirements are confirmed complete (via APAS, edTPA submission), you must submit your complete Minnesota teaching application to the Office of Teacher Education (OTE). You must follow the [teacher licensure application process](#) instructions. The OTE licensing team reviews your license application, and once verified that all of the requirements are complete, we email signed application documents to you. You then send your application packet to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). This usually takes about 3-5 business days, two weeks, but can take longer during the busy summer season. PELSB typically takes 6-8 weeks to process a license; [you can look up your license progress online through PELSB's website](#).