

What is the cost?

Program fee: \$500

The first program fee payment of \$250.00 (non-refundable) is due with your application submission. The remaining \$250 will be due prior to the course start date.

3 credit course: \$865*

6 credit course: \$1730*

* Tuition cost may change over the length of the program.

Academic Report

Fitchburg State University offers graduate credit for educational coursework and practice prescribed in the Northeast Consortium Alternative Practice-Based Licensure Program.

Up to 12 credits may be transferable to a Masters of Education program offered by Fitchburg State University. You will need to make an appointment with an advisor to determine the amount of transferable credits.

Contact Information:

For a complete application and additional information contact The Northeast Consortium for Staff Development at

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Alternative Practice-Based Licensure Programs (formerly District-Based)



Potential Candidates

Teachers who have received a Massachusetts DESE provisional license/ preliminary certification in the field of the license being sought. Teachers teaching full-time in the area of the license being sought. Teachers who are not teaching but are able to complete an early field-based experience and half-year practicum. College graduates planning to teach a regular subject (English, Math, History, Art, etc.) in a Massachusetts public middle or high schools, who are seeking an Initial Teaching License.

Curriculum

The curriculum is driven by an emphasis on developing well-trained teachers with strong mastery of secondary subject matter and pedagogy.



Coursework encompasses a well-rounded integration of the Professional Standards for Teachers and emphasizes the integration and application of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in curricula and teaching. Competence in this curriculum is driven by the Common Core and Common Teaching Competencies, the Professional Standards for Teachers and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Competence in this curriculum is demonstrated in pre-practicum and a full practicum in a collaborating public school system, under the supervision of a school-based practicum supervisor and a Northeast Consortium supervisor.

Teacher Candidate's Curriculum

Introduction to Strategies for Effective Teaching in the Academic Discipline and Pre-Practicum	3 credits
Curriculum Design and Development	3 credits
Curriculum & Technology	3 credits
Practicum Seminar	3 credits
Practicum	6 credits
Program Total: 18 credits	
Subject to change	

Admission Standards and Criteria

Individuals who have completed a bachelors or graduate degree in a discipline other than a traditional professional education approved program at a college or university in the Commonwealth and/or those who do not meet the Educator Licensure regulations set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Education are eligible to apply to this program. The appropriate subject matter test and the Communication and Literacy portions of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure must be successfully completed. To complete licensing process, candidates must pass the current SEI course.

Applicants Process

- Complete an application
- Include a copy of your teaching license
- Submit official UG transcripts from an accredited college or university
- Request and submit three letters of recommendations from individuals under whom the applicant has studied in a professional capacity and/or from others in a position to offer pertinent appraisal of the applicant's ability to be a Massachusetts educator
- Submit a professional resume
- Submit passing scores on the communication and literacy skill test or date to take the same and the appropriate subject matter test for Educator Licensure (MTEL) or date to take the same
- Present Proof of application/payment to DESE for initial license
- Submit a \$35 nonrefundable application fee.