



## Elementary Education: Initial Licensure (Dual Language and Immersion)

In order to be recommended for your Minnesota k-6 elementary education teaching license, 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.

### [Content Prerequisite Courses](#)

#### Common Content Courses

- CI 5981 Introduction to Equity-Based Pedagogy (1 credit)
- CI 5980 Clinical Experiences for Teaching (Taken 4 times, 4 credits total)
- CI 5984 Planning, Design, and Management (1 credit)
- CI 5986 Foundations of Special Education (1 credit)
- CI 5452 Reading in the Content Areas (1 credit)
- CI 5987 Child Development for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (1 credit)
- CI 5982 Enacting Equity-based Pedagogy (2 credits)
- CI 5985 Academic Language and English Learners in Content Areas (1 credit)
- CI 5983 Equity Based Pedagogy and Advocacy (1 credit)
- CI 5988 Clinical Experiences: Improvement of Teaching edTPA Portfolio (2 credits)

#### Licensure Content Specific Courses

- CI 5211 Elementary Education Content and Pedagogy I (4 credits)
- CI 5212 Elementary Education Content and Pedagogy II (3 credits)
- CI 5213 Elementary Education Content and Pedagogy III (3 credits)
- CI 5214 Elementary Education Content and Pedagogy IV (3 credits)
- CI 5215 Elementary Education Content and Pedagogy V (2 credits)

### Clinical and Field Experiences

Clinical 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 elementary education program must complete 100 hours of course-based field experience prior to student teaching. This program culminates with 12 weeks of University supervised full-time student teaching. Teachers of record enrolled in the program complete University supervised student teaching while working.

## Minnesota State Licensure Testing and Assessments

### [MTLE \(Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations\)](#)

Minnesota Professional Educator and Licensing Boards (PELSB) requires that you take and pass the MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations) content and pedagogy tests for your MN tier 3 license. Information (registration, study materials) on the required MTLE tests specific to your license area (s) can be found at our [MTLE support website](#).

### [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, MTLE, and edTPA official reports), you must submit your complete Minnesota teaching application to the Office of Teacher Education (OTE). You must follow the [teacher licensure application process](#) instructions. OTE licensing team reviews your license application, and once verified that all of the requirements are complete, we send your application packet to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). This usually takes about two weeks, but can take longer during the busy summer season. PELSB typically takes 8-12 weeks to process a license; [you can look up your license progress online through PELSB's website](#).