

# Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL)

## Requirements and timeline for students seeking admission to the Elementary Education Master's Program

*Undergraduate UMass students pursuing licensure at the **elementary level** (grades 1-6) must pass a series of tests in order to be licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The following table is designed to assist you in understanding which tests are required and when the tests should be taken.*

MTEL	Timeline	Support and Preparation
<p><b>TEST I</b> Communication and Literacy Skills (Test 01)</p>	<p>This test should be taken during sophomore year or the summer before junior year.</p> <p>This test <b>must</b> be taken and passed prior to applying to the Master's program.</p>	<p>Students are strongly encouraged to review the practice Communication and Literacy Skills test on the MTEL website: <a href="http://www.mtel.nesinc.com">www.mtel.nesinc.com</a>.</p> <p>In addition, Communication and Literacy Skills test preparation workshops are offered by the Educator Licensure Office, Room W144 Furcolo Hall. Please visit <a href="http://www.umass.edu/education">www.umass.edu/education</a> or call 413-545-2701 for more information.</p>
<p><b>TEST II</b> General Curriculum Test (Test 03)</p>	<p>This test should be taken during the last two years of undergraduate study.</p> <p>Students <b>must</b> pass this exam before June 1 of the year they enter the Master's program, but are encouraged to take and pass the test before applying to the Master's program.</p>	<p>Both tests cover a broad range of content areas, including math, history/social studies, language arts, and child development. General Education courses will help you to prepare for the content on these tests.</p> <p>While preparatory workshops for these subject specific tests are not offered regularly, other test preparation materials are offered by the Elementary Education Master's program, on the College of Education website at <a href="http://www.umass.edu/education">www.umass.edu/education</a>, and in the Educator Licensure Office, Room W144 Furcolo Hall. Additional materials can also be found at <a href="http://www.mtel.nesinc.com">www.mtel.nesinc.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>TEST III</b> Foundations of Reading (Test 90)</p>	<p>This test should be taken after completion of Educ 461.</p> <p>Students <b>must</b> pass this exam before June 1 of the year they enter the Master's program, but are encouraged to take and pass the test before applying to the Master's program.</p>	<p>This test is designed to assess your ability to teach reading and writing to young children. Educ 461 focuses on methods of teaching reading and writing to children.</p> <p>While preparatory workshops for these subject specific tests are not offered regularly, other test preparation materials are offered by the Elementary Education Master's program, on the College of Education website at <a href="http://www.umass.edu/education">www.umass.edu/education</a>, and in the Educator Licensure Office, Room W144 Furcolo Hall. Additional materials can also be found at <a href="http://www.mtel.nesinc.com">www.mtel.nesinc.com</a>.</p>

*You may complete any exam earlier than what is suggested above. Students are permitted to retake any portion of the MTEL exams if needed. For information about when tests are offered, how to register for the tests, test objectives, and practice tests, please visit [www.mtel.nesinc.com](http://www.mtel.nesinc.com).*