

LICENSURE PROGRAMS IN **EDUCATION AT MCLA**

**ARE YOU CURRENTLY TEACHING AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMPLETING YOUR TEACHING LICENSE?**

PATHWAYS TO LICENSURE FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS

Our Graduate Programs in Education at MCLA provide you with a clear pathway to complete your Initial Teaching License and your Master's of Education (M.Ed.).

About the Pathway:

- Apply by December 1 to begin the program in Spring 2024.
- All coursework can be completed online and synchronous classes.
- All courses are scheduled in the afternoons, evenings or weekends to meet the needs of working educators.
- Take prep workshops to prepare you for the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).
- Map your program during individual advising sessions with faculty advisors.

MCLA's Initial Licensure Programs include:

- Early Childhood PK-2
- Elementary 1-6
- Middle School Humanities 5-8
- Middle School Math/Science 5-8
- General Science 5-8
- Mathematics 5-8
- Moderate Disabilities PK-8 (graduate level only)
- Moderate Disabilities 5-12 (graduate level only)
- English 5-12
- History 5-12
- Biology 8-12
- Chemistry 8-12
- Physics 8-12
- Mathematics 8-12

MCLA's Initial teacher licensure programs prepare individuals to teach in their own classrooms, promote educational excellence and equity, deliver effective instruction, and encourage active participation in a democratic society. All Initial licensure programs are approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



MORE INFORMATION?

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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a grey suit jacket, a light yellow shirt, and a teal tie, stands in a classroom. He is holding a red book titled 'EDUCATION OF THE FUTURE'. The background features a bulletin board with various photos and a whiteboard with numbers and drawings.

ELEVATING YOUR CAREER STARTS WITH FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION.

THE BCC & MCLA ASSOCIATES TO BACHELORS PATHWAY TO LICENSURE FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS

WHAT IS IT?

Berkshire Community College (BCC) and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) offer a joint Associates to Bachelors program intended to provide an efficient pathway to teacher licensure.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The P2T Cohort is specifically designed for paraprofessionals, teaching assistants and long-term substitutes currently employed by preK-12 schools in Berkshire County. Through a combination of in-person and virtual classes, this flexible model offers a thoughtful blend of classroom and field-based experiences that prepare students to make a meaningful impact in their school communities.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students apply to the college and enroll in the P2T Cohort with the same group of students until they graduate. Students will engage in a series of two pre-selected courses each semester. Most classes are offered as hybrids in the early evenings with virtual, in-person, and online modalities.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

This innovative program:

- Provides flexibility to meet the needs of participants with either some or no prior college experience
- Includes a dedicated mentor to help support and coach students
- Allows paraprofessionals to earn an associate degree at BCC
- Transfers to MCLA to earn a bachelor degree and teaching license
- Follows an Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary Education pathway and DESE guidelines