

General MTEL Information For Elementary and Secondary Education Majors

The Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure® (MTEL®) program was initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in 1998 as part of the education reform initiative for educators seeking licenses. The MTEL program includes tests of communication and literacy skills as well as tests of subject matter knowledge.

MTEL registration, preparation materials, test objectives, and test schedules are available on the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure® (MTEL®) web page

subject test has three subtests: language arts, history and social science, and science and technology/engineering. The mathematics test has four subtests: numbers and operations, functions and algebra, geometry and measurements, and statistics and probability.

Secondary Education majors take the following two tests

The Secondary Education major at Western New England offers training for the Initial License in the following content areas: Biology, Chemistry, English, History and Mathematics. These content areas are combined with Secondary Education to form blended majors, e.g., Secondary Education Mathematics.

Both of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL): the Communications and Literacy Test and the Content Test must be passed by the spring semester junior year. A student who does not pass these tests will not be eligible to do the full practicum in the senior year.

1. The Communication and Literacy Skills test consists of two subtests: reading and writing. The reading subtest contains multiple-choice items in the areas of meaning of words and phrases in context; main idea; writer's purpose; relationship among ideas; critical reasoning; outlining; summarizing; and graph interpretation. The writing subtest contains multiple-choice items in the areas of establishing and maintaining a main idea; common errors of sentence construction; grammar; usage; spelling; capitalization; and punctuation. The short items require the revision of sentences to correct errors. The two open-response items are summary and composition exercises.
2. Content Test