Master of Education with Initial MA License in Early Childhood, Elementary, or Middle/High School and preparation for an add ESL License

Urban Residency Initiative

English language learners (ELLs) are the fastest growing group of school-age children in the country. Over the last decade, growth in New England was twice that of the rest of the country, creating an increasing demand for educators with the skills and knowledge to effectively work with English language learners.

Lesley University’s Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, or High School M.Ed. program will prepare you to be effective in classrooms with large numbers of culturally and linguistically diverse students. This accelerated, full-time program includes two summers and a year-long, school-based internship at an urban school site, during which time you’ll participate in school life and take classes toward your degree both at Lesley and the school. Complete the program and pass state tests, and you’ll earn a MA Initial licensure, and be well prepared to take a test for your ESL license.

**Program Features**

- The program consists of 42-46 credits. Coursework is done at Lesley’s New Bedford site and online, taught by Lesley faculty.
- Online and on-site coursework results in significantly lower program costs; in addition, some paid work may be available, depending on the school. Applicants can apply for an EEUI Scholarship, awarded to individuals who demonstrate a commitment and passion for working with culturally and linguistically diverse students. See [https://www.lesley.edu/academics/guide-financial-aid-scholarships-graduate-doctoral-students](https://www.lesley.edu/academics/guide-financial-aid-scholarships-graduate-doctoral-students).
- ESL licensure competencies are integrated with elementary, early childhood, middle school/high school course instruction, and the program includes a state-approved Sheltered English Instruction course.
- For program of study and program cost, see [https://www.lesley.edu/academics/graduate/elementary-education-urban-initiative-program-initial-license](https://www.lesley.edu/academics/graduate/elementary-education-urban-initiative-program-initial-license)

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