

# CAREER PATHWAYS: TEACHING K-12

## LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION



Laws and regulations for becoming a teacher are created and governed at the state level, and can vary.

Specific requirements for Massachusetts can be found [here](#). [Here is a guide](#) to finding requirements for all other states. Be VERY sure to research each state's requirements, as they may vary significantly, and change over time.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### SUBJECT

You will want to consider what subjects you want to teach, such as (but not limited to):

- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Science

### GRADE LEVEL

You'll need to consider which grade levels you are interested in teaching:

- Elementary
- Middle
- High

### OTHER SPECIALITES

There are other specialties that may be a good fit for you.

**Teaching English Language Learners (ELL's):** You can specialize in teaching english to those who do speak it as a primary language.

**Special education:** you can specialize in the particular learning needs of those with non-typical abilities

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM



Pursuing a graduate degree in education through [Tufts Plus Program - Education](#), or [another graduate program](#).

## TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Meeting certification requirements through participation in programs such as [Teach for America](#), [Boston Teacher Residency](#), or [Citizen Schools](#).



## INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Another option to launch your teaching career is at an Independent school. This is an option for you if you've already had a significant amount of classroom teaching experience. Requirements for entry teaching positions at independent and private schools vary, and some have teaching mentorship and residency programs.