

# TEACHER LICENSURE EXAMS

## In Minnesota

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### WHY DO I NEED TO TAKE THE EXAMS?

Long story short, passing the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams (MTLE) makes you eligible for a Tier 3 teaching license. These licenses are preferred by most Minnesota school districts.

If you do not take the exams or do not pass, you are eligible for a short call substitute license or a Tier 2 license. Therefore, it will be more difficult to find a high-quality teaching position in Minnesota.





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### TIER 3 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

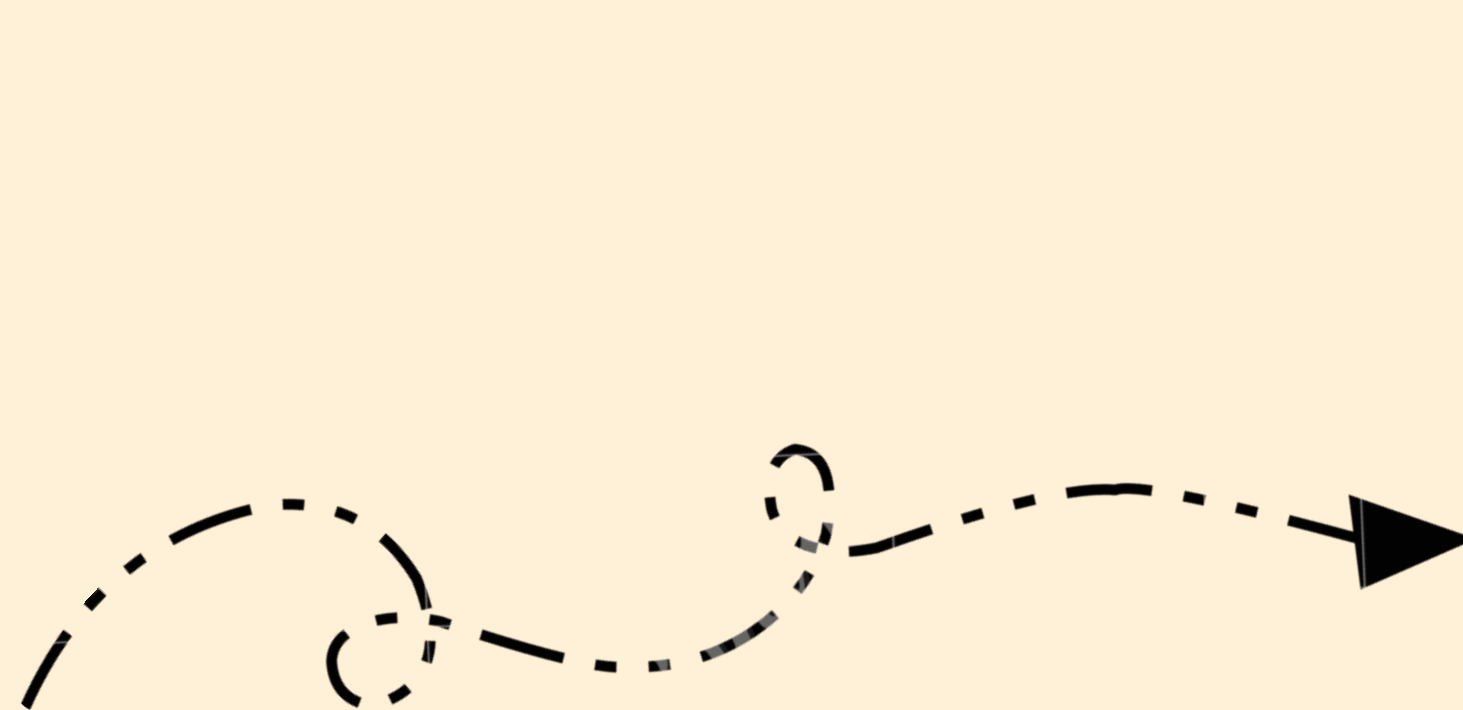
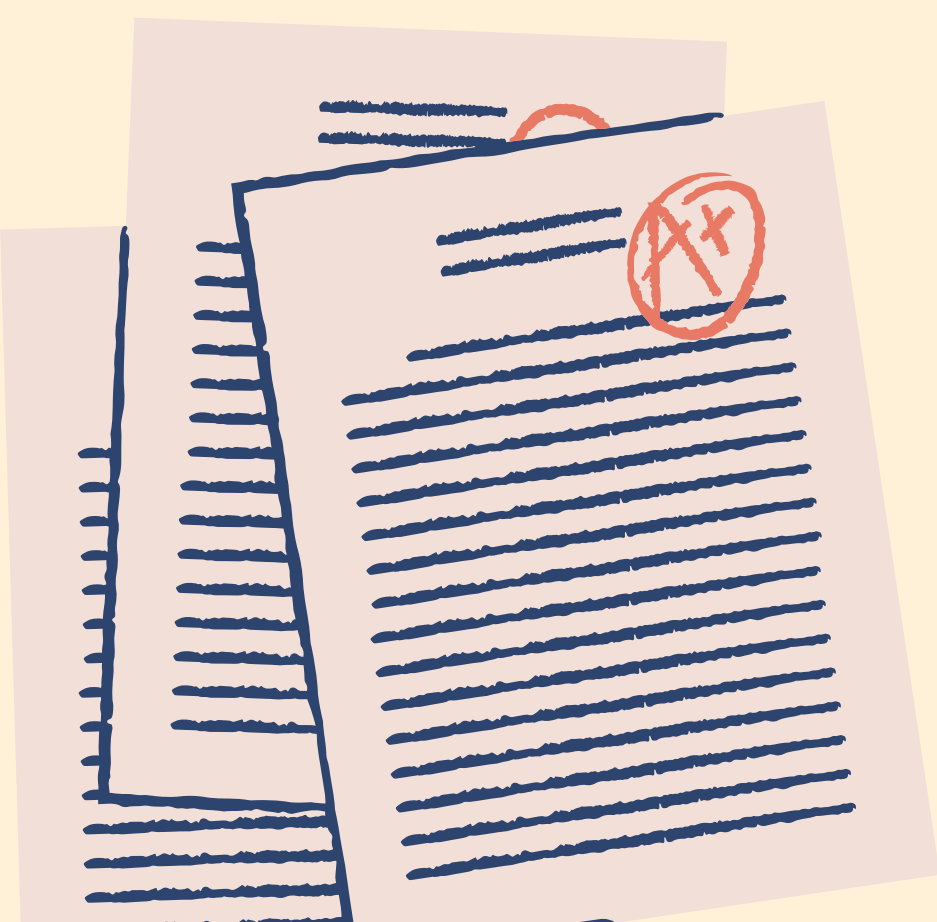
- Completion of Teacher Education Degree
- Submission of edTPA (student teacher assessment and collection of evidence)
- Passing scores on all MTLE Content and Pedagogy Exams


This license is mobile to any school district in Minnesota and does not require a job offer. It is valid for 3 years and can be renewed indefinitely.

### WHICH EXAMS DO I NEED TO TAKE

This will depend on your major and license(s) you will earn. Some majors require more tests to best align with the content and pedagogy standards.

Each test is broken down into 2 subtests. So, if you are taking the ECH content exam, you will need to take ECH Subtest 1 and ECH Subtest 2. Thankfully, you can take both of these tests in one sitting.





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### WHEN & WHERE DO I NEED TO TAKE THE EXAMS?


It is recommended to take your exams before you begin student teaching. However, you are required to take the exams to receive your licensure. Don't put them off right before you graduate!

Most exams need to be taken in-person at a local Pearson testing site. The tests are all multiple choice and take about 1 hour (per subtest) to complete. Some tests, however, are available to be taken at home.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

- Register online at <https://www.mtle.nesinc.com/> (you will need to make an account)
- After you register, you can schedule your exams! You need to schedule them within 1 year.
- Most exams you can register and take within 3 weeks. Register ahead of time!!!
- There is no fee for rescheduling, and you can reschedule up to 24 hours before your scheduled testing time.
- View the "How to Register" guide in the "Resources" slides for more information





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### COST & PASSING SCORE

#### **COST PER EXAM: \$53.50**

Unfortunately, MTLE exams are not free! Prepare to spend between \$250-300 on your licensure exams. I don't understand it either.

#### **PASSING SCORE: 240**

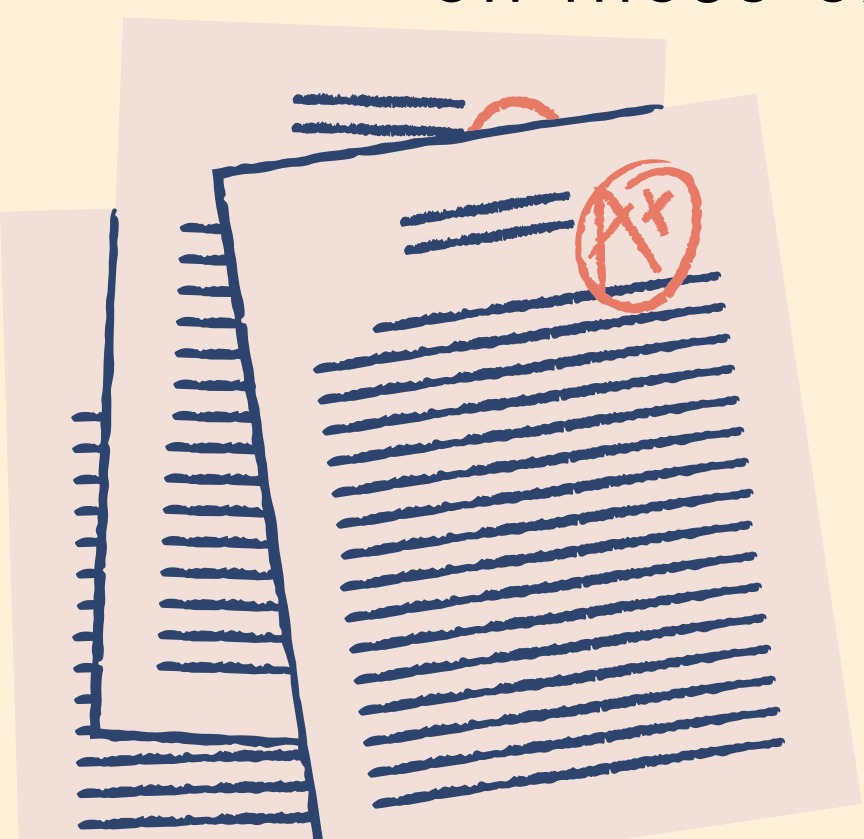
The score range is 100-300 for the MTLEs. Usually teacher education programs prepare you well for the exams.


You will receive your scores quickly after you finish the exams. Save the PDF of your scores!

### HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Review developmental theories, content strategies, and key ideas from past courses
- View sample questions and take a practice exam
- Gauge how much time you need to study! You are likely already very prepared for these exams.

To ease your nerves, most of the exams have a high pass rate. Your courses and field experience have set you up for success on these exams!





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### RESOURCES

#### **MN Department of Education**

<https://www.educationminnesota.org/resources/professional-practice/licensure-and-credentials/>

#### **What Tests Do I Need to Take?**

[http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_WhatTestsDoINeedToTake.html](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_WhatTestsDoINeedToTake.html)

#### **"How to Register" Guide**

<https://www.educationminnesota.org/resources/professional-practice/licensure-and-credentials/>

#### **Register to take the Exams**

[http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_WhatTestsDoINeedToTake.html](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_WhatTestsDoINeedToTake.html)

#### **Pearson Testing Sites**

<https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectExamPage/EVALUATIONSYSTE?conversationId=82083>

#### **Free Study Materials!**

<https://cehsp.d.umn.edu/departments-centers/departments/department-education/teacher-licensure/mtle>

