

# Licensing Requirements

## **Initial Licensure Programs**

The State of Michigan requires all prospective teachers to pass a content exam for their area of licensure. The content tests are part of the Michigan Tests for Teacher Certification (MTTC). For teacher candidates seeking K-8 teacher certification, they must pass the Elementary Education Exam (#103). For teacher candidates in the new elementary grade band programs, they must pass the MTTC for the appropriate endorsement area: Birth to Kindergarten (#134), Lower Elementary PreK to Third Grade (#117-120), Upper Elementary Grades 3-6 (#121-124). For teacher candidates seeking 6-12 certification, 5-9 certification or 7-12 certification, they must pass the appropriate test for their selected major and for their optional minor if they desire certification in that field.

At the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the content test must be passed prior to recommendation to the Michigan Department of Education for licensure. Teacher candidates are able to take the tests multiple times if necessary to achieve the passing scores.

Therefore for the 2024-25 academic year, 100% of UM–Dearborn completers meet the state licensing requirements for initial teacher licensure programs.

## **Advanced Level Programs**

For the Advanced Level Programs, teachers must pass the Michigan Tests for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in the appropriate area. One of our Advanced Level Programs has required an MTTC, the Reading Specialist program (#092). Not all teachers take or pass the MTTC or apply for the Reading Specialist endorsement to be added to their teaching license after they complete the degree program. There are two new tests for Elementary and Secondary School Administrators (#139) and Central Office Administrators (#140) which are currently being phased in.

For the 2024-25 academic year, five completers added the Elementary and Secondary School Administrators endorsement.