

# ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS EDUCATION

Boston University School of Education Graduate Programs

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE OFFERED:

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT)

MASTER OF EDUCATION (ED.M.)

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY (CAGS)

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (ED.D.) IN CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

Boston University's English and Language Arts Education program prepares teachers, literacy and language specialists, teacher educators, and researchers for professional responsibilities at various levels of English and language arts education. Our program enables both prospective and experienced educators to examine the art and the craft of teaching language and literature.

Depending on the degree sought, you may take a range of courses in literature, language, and educational theory and practice. Our program focuses on research findings that help improve instructional methodology, materials, and curriculum, and provide service to schools and children. Boston University enjoys long-standing relationships with many inner city and suburban schools systems in the greater Boston area that offer our students rewarding field experiences under the guidance of expert teachers and faculty. The guided field experiences in local schools are at the heart of the program's mission.

### Master of Arts in Teaching

Liberal arts college graduates pursuing the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in preparation for middle of secondary school English teaching are required to complete a 48-credit program of graduate-level English courses, professional education courses, and student teaching. The course sequence enables students to earn an initial teaching license, and the professional courses emphasize diverse teaching methodologies and innovative curriculum reforms.

### MAT Required Courses

Four graduate courses (16 semester credits) in your field of specialization at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

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| SED ED 500 | Foundations of Educational Practices plus ED 501 Laboratory |
| SED DS 502 | Introduction to Adolescent Development                      |
| SED EN 506 | Curriculum Materials and Teaching Strategies in English     |
| SED SE 510 | Special Education: Curriculum and Instruction               |
| SED CT 575 | General Methods of Instruction, 5-12                        |
| SED RS 600 | Perspectives on Inquiry                                     |
| SED LR 732 | Physical Factors in Reading and Learning (2 cr.)            |

Student-Teaching Practicum (8 semester credits)

### Master of Education (Ed.M.) and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS)

The Ed.M. and CAGS programs in English and Language Arts Education provide advanced study for practicing English and language arts teachers who develop specific plans of study, in consultation with their academic advisors, for careers as supervisors, department chairmen, or consultants. Students in an Ed.M. or CAGS program may earn a professional license for classroom teaching with the appropriate professional experience while holding an initial teaching license.

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The programs emphasize both recent research and successful practices in English and language arts education. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits for the Ed.M. program, and a minimum of 32 credits for the CAGS program.

## Ed.M. Required Courses

SED RS 600 Perspectives on Inquiry  
3 Courses in Curriculum and Teaching  
5 Electives Selected with Advisor's Consent

## CAGS Required Courses

Research course  
3 Courses in Curriculum and Teaching  
4 Electives Selected with Advisor's Consent

## Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Experienced educators in the doctoral program prepare for responsibilities as college and university professors, English/language arts researchers, consultants, and designers, writers and producers of educational materials. In addition to the departmental core courses, students complete courses in educational research, English literature, English education, language arts, linguistics, reading, and curriculum development.

## Ed.D. Required Courses

2 SED ED 700 Courses  
CT 750 Basic Principles for Curriculum and Teaching  
3 Research Courses  
9 Courses Approved by Advisor

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Will I become licensed to teach?

A: Students who complete Boston University's state-approved teacher licensure program are eligible for licensure in Massachusetts and may be eligible for licensure in 44 other states through a reciprocal agreement. Faculty advisors are prepared to assist students seeking licensure. Students are required to complete an appropriate course selection to meet the licensure standards and any additional Massachusetts Board of Education requirements.

### Q: Can students in the Ed.M. and CAGS programs earn a professional license?

A: Yes. A student in an Ed.M. or CAGS program may earn a professional license for classroom teaching with the appropriate preliminary experience while holding initial licensure. The professional license also requires as part of the program a supervised practicum at the professional licensure level.

### Q: What is an Initial License?

A: The Massachusetts Department of Education defines an Initial License as "An educator license issued to a person who has completed a bachelor's degree, passed the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure, completed a professional preparation program approved by the Commissioner, and met other eligibility requirements established by the Board. The Initial License is valid for five years of employment and may be renewed at the discretion of the Commissioner for an additional five years."

### Q: How will the MAT program prepare me to become a teacher?

A: Students in the MAT program prepare to become professional educators by developing competency in three kinds of courses: (1) specialized knowledge based on concentration in a discipline or field; (2) professional studies in instructional design, human development, communications, classroom methods and evaluation; and (3) practical skills acquired through guided and supervised field experiences.

### Q: Is financial aid available?

A: Each academic year, the School of Education awards approximately \$3.5 million dollars in scholarship money to its full-time graduate students. Merit-based scholarships of \$22,000 are currently available to many full-time students. Students with financial need may also qualify for federal loans and Federal Work-Study. Students who enroll in summer classes pay part-time tuition and may be eligible for loans. Priority is given to students who apply for aid by February 15. Ed.D. candidates are encouraged to apply by January 15. Please contact the School of Education Graduate Office of Financial Assistance for further information at [sedaid@bu.edu](mailto:sedaid@bu.edu).

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