Explore teaching as a profession through UMass Dartmouth’s 4+1 BA/BS-MAT program. This fast track program allows students to pursue a bachelor’s degree in their chosen field and use free elective space in the undergraduate program to take teacher preparation courses at the Master’s level. In addition to coursework, students will complete Field-Based Experiences in local schools.

Students pursuing teacher preparation at UMassD will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in the major, a master’s degree in teaching (MAT), and a Sheltered English Immersion endorsement.

Students from the following majors are invited to apply to the 4+1 program in Teaching:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- History
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Political Science
- Economics

**Licensure information**

Candidates can apply for Provisional Licensure and begin teaching upon completion of their bachelor’s degree. Students may devote their full time efforts to completing the MAT program during the graduate year or they may enter full-time employment as a teacher in a school right out of college, and complete the remainder of the MAT coursework part time.

Provisional licenses are valid for 5 years of employment. While employed as a teacher, candidates will advance from Provisional to Initial Licensure through an in-district practicum, known as the Performance Review Program for Initial Licensure (PRPIL).

**Top Jobs**

Graduates of the 4+1 BA/BS-MAT pursue teaching careers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels. Salaries can vary based on subject and geographic location. The average salary for teachers in Massachusetts is $82,539.

**Preferred Field Based Experience Sites**

- Dartmouth
- New Bedford
- Fairhaven
- Fall River
- Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

**To Apply**

- Submit a completed BA/BS-MAT application, along with a copy of your transcript to: Traci Almeida, School of Education, Liberal Arts Building, Office 373, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747.
- Students must be admitted to the 4+1 BA/BS-MAT track to register for 500-level EDU courses as an undergraduate.
- Students should submit an application for the MAT program to Graduate Studies during their final undergraduate semester.
- Students do not need to complete MTEL’s for entrance into the 4+1 program but they must have at least one MTEL completed to apply to the MAT program. Candidates must pass both the Communication and Literacy Skills (Test 01) and Content MTEL’s exams to earn a Provisional license.

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