

Ed Prep Policy Advisory 2015

Add License vs. Dual Licensure Programs



This advisory clarifies the distinction between facilitating adding a license for candidates or licensed educators and the delivery of a dual licensure program by a Sponsoring Organization (SO).

Add License

What it IS/IS NOT

Add license is a licensure option available to educators who already hold a license and want to acquire additional licensure field(s) or level(s). The [Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval \(603 CMR 7.15 \(2\) a, b, c and \(3\) a and b\)](#) provides a pathway for licensed educators (teachers and administrators) to add a new licensure field (subject area) or new level (grade span).

Add license IS:

- An opportunity for an SO to facilitate educators' efforts to meet regulatory requirements to add a license.
- The responsibility of the educator to work with the Licensure Office at ESE to ensure their coursework meets regulatory requirements to add a license.

Add license IS/DOES NOT:

- An approved program offered by an SO.
- The responsibility of the SO to ensure the candidates' coursework meets regulatory requirements to add a license.
- Result in an endorsement by an SO.

Dual Licensure Programs

What they ARE/ARE NOT

The [Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval \(603 CMR 7.00\)](#) do not provide a dual licensure program option. Candidates have the option to either complete two separate approved programs for endorsement or complete one approved program and add an additional license (see above).

Dual licensure programs ARE/DO:

- Two complete licensure programs (including all required practicum hours for each program) within one program of study developed by the SO and approved by the Office of Educator Preparation at ESE as two licensure programs.
- Result in two endorsements by an SO.

Dual licensure programs ARE NOT:

- Designed to waive regulatory requirements for either licensure field.
- Designated as "dual licensure" programs in ELAR or on ESE's public profiles.

Specifications for Organizations that Currently Hold Dual License Program Approvals

SOs that currently hold state approval to deliver Dual Licensure programs as previously defined will retain authorization to implement educator preparation programming as previously approved, as noted in their letters of formal or informal approval. Effective with the next formal review process, these SOs will adhere to the guidance offered in this advisory.