

June 13, 2023

Dear SMSU Teacher Program Completer,

The state Legislature has just passed a bill that includes a major change to licensure requirements. The MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensing Exams) content, pedagogy, and basic skills exams will no longer be required for earning a Minnesota professional teaching license for those who successfully completed an SMSU PELSB-approved licensure program, including student teaching or practicum. More information can be found on the [PELSB website](#).

Although this change officially goes into effect August 1, 2023, we wanted to let you know of this change so you can cancel your plans to take MTLE content, pedagogy, and/or essential (basic) skills exams. If you currently hold a Tier 2 license, we will need to wait for details on how PELSB will want you to move forward. We will post those details on the [SMSU Minnesota Licensure Assessment webpage](#) when they become available.

If you haven't applied for your teaching license, and you've completed all other program requirements, you may apply for your license now. Directions for the licensing process can be found on the [SMSU Licensure webpage](#). If your license is processed prior to August 1, 2023, there will be a small caveat on the license stating that the license will be effective August 1. If you prefer to not have that caveat listed on your license, you can include a note with your application requesting that you would like them to wait and issue your license on August 1, 2023.

If you have questions, please let one of us know!

Sincerely,



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