

June 6, 2023

Dear SMSU Teacher Candidate,

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 teacher candidates who successfully complete an SMSU PELSB-approved licensure program. Successfully completing a licensure program includes:

- Earning/having a bachelor's degree
- Completing all coursework in accordance to SMSU's School of Education policies for Tier 3 licensure
- Completing all field experiences in accordance to SMSU's School of Education policies required for Tier 3 licensure
- Passing student teaching or practicum
 - Passing student teaching includes completing the edTPA submission and remediation process

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. More information can be found on the [PELSB website](#).

If you have questions, please let us know. Hope you have a great summer!

Sincerely,



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