



Mastery Based Pathway

Frequently Asked Questions

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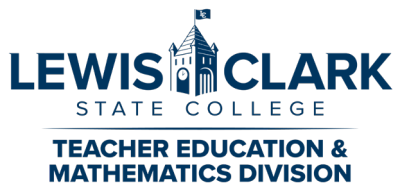
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Q: What can I get endorsed in?

The Mastery Based Pathway can grant an endorsement for any Standard Instructional Certificate, as long as the applicant is teaching an appropriate class. See the endorsement list [here](#).

Q: What are the requirements for admission?

- A baccalaureate degree in any area
- Content competency through one of the approved content area assessments:



- Praxis II in subject-specific content area of endorsement
- Baccalaureate degree in specific content area of endorsement
- A combination of coursework, work experience, and volunteer experience to meet a Qualifying score on the [“Uniform Standard for Evaluating Content Competency Rubric”](#)
- Employment with an Idaho district/charter.

Q: Do I really have to be employed by an Idaho district/charter prior to admission?

Yes. In some cases the Idaho State Department of Education will allow applicants from private schools to participate. If you have any questions about your status, please contact education@lcsc.edu.

Q: When can I begin?

Modules are open for registration the first ten days of each month, February through December. You can begin the program as soon as you have satisfied the requirements of qualification and admission to LC State.

Q: How do I apply?

Please email your unofficial transcripts to education@lcsc.edu. Apply to LC State [here](#).

Q: How much does the program cost?

Each module costs the same as a 3-credit class at LC State. The current tuition prices can be found at <https://www.lcsc.edu/student-accounts/tuition-and-fees>. The current cost for part-time coursework is \$389/credit. In addition to this cost there are fees assessed by the college these are outlined for the 2024 – 25 school year:

The current cost should be as follows:

Tuition	\$389/credit
Liability Insurance	\$13.00/academic year
Online Technology Fees:	\$15.00/credit
PACE fees:	\$13.00/credit
Total for one module	\$1264.00

Total for entire program @ LC State if completed in one year: \$6,320
This means only being assessed the Liability Insurance once.



Total for entire program @ LC State if all modules are enrolled in at once: \$4,238
This means only being assessed the flat rate tuition for 12-19 credits.

Note: There are also costs to the Idaho State Board of Education when applying for an interim certificate and for licensing after program completion (e.g. application fee, fingerprinting, official transcripts, etc.). Some of these costs may be covered by your school/district. Additionally, you will be responsible for the cost of the required Praxis exam(s) for your content area(s).

Q: Can I get Scholarships or Financial Aid to cover the cost of the program?

At this time there are no scholarships or financial aid available through LC State. Typical aid for college is reserved for programs that lead toward degree completion. Since this program is focused solely on meeting the minimum certification requirements for endorsement most students will not take enough credits to qualify.

You may qualify for a personal loan or other financial relief through your bank, credit union, or through other sources such as fraternal organizations, clubs, community agencies, or even through your school/district.

Additionally, by taking one class at a time, you can spread the cost over the time you have to complete the program (from one to three years).

You may qualify for the Adult Idaho Launch program through the [Idaho Works website](#).

Q: How long does it take?

The program needs to be completed during the length of the interim certificate provided to candidates through the Idaho State Board of Education. Within that timeframe (3 years) candidates will be engaged in different aspects of the program. The program will require two years to complete using the non-traditional route (interim certificate) due to the mentoring requirement of the district involved. The modules can be completed in as little as one semester or up to one year.

Assessments

- The Performance Portfolio are turned in at the end of each module to demonstrate competency for the standards addressed in the module.



- The other components of the program are required for certification as a teacher in Idaho. These include the ICLS (Literacy) Exams, TMT (Teaching Mathematical Thinking), Common Summative Assessment, and the Individualized Plan for Growth (IPLP). These are completed at different points in the program, depending on the candidate's progress and learning plan.

Modules

- Each module is designed for a ten-week timeframe. The activities in the first eight weeks lead towards the performance assessment. The last two weeks are designed to develop, complete, and submit the performance portfolio.
- Modules can be completed in as little as two weeks or as long as one calendar year from the start date of the module.
- Modules are offered on a monthly basis, providing a flexible alternative to the standard semester schedule.

Professional Development

Each quarter, a professional development (PD) opportunity will be provided for candidates. Most of these will be held on a Saturday and many will be provided online through virtual workshops, seminars, and presentations. Please reach out to education@lcsc.edu if there are any specific PD opportunities you would be interested in.

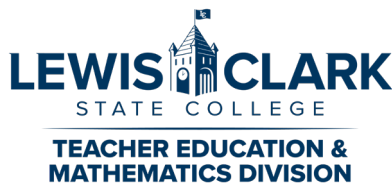
Q: What is an individualized plan of study?

Each candidate will have a program of study developed that will provide all of the necessary components to measure the content, pedagogical, and dispositional attributes of the candidate. At a minimum the program will consist of the five modules, IPLP, and Common Summative Assessment. Additional courses, activities, and assessments are added and agreed upon at a conference prior to beginning the program. The program may be changed as well as part of the process if it becomes necessary to demonstrate competency in any of the three areas required (content, pedagogy, dispositions).

Q: What are the requirements for completion?

Completion of the program requires:

- Passing the performance portfolios in each module
- Passing the Common Summative Assessment



- Passing all other required assessments that are applicable to the certification and endorsement area(s) (e.g. ICLS, TMT, etc.)
- Completing the Individualized Plan for Growth (IPLP)
- Passing the Praxis for the content area*

*Note: If a candidate is not able to pass the required Praxis exam, it is possible to meet the requirement for certification by collecting evidence of student growth data for a minimum of two years. There must be a way to quantify student achievement. A narrative explaining the data and interpretation that demonstrates student growth is also required.

Q: How do I apply for the Interim Certificate?

Working with your school or district go to <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/non-trad.html> and provide all of the necessary information as required.

Q: How do I register for classes?

After being admitted to LC State and the Mastery Based program follow the steps below:

Warrior Web

- Access [Warrior Web](https://experience.elluciancloud.com/lcsc/) (full weblink <https://experience.elluciancloud.com/lcsc/>). Under the heading: **Academics** click on Student Planning, then Conditions of Registration.
- In Warrior Web, please be sure to check out the links under the **My Information** section.
- See <https://www.lcsc.edu/warriorhub> for more information.

Email

- Ensure that you can access your "lcmail" email address (username@students.lcstate.edu) as all official communications will need to go through this address while attending LC State.
- Contact the program coordinator using your lcmail address (education@lcsc.edu) and request permission to register for the module(s) you want to take. Please indicate the following:
 - Number of modules you would like to register for.
 - Name of the module(s) if known
 - Start Date for the module(s) desired. (Modules are opened to begin each month except January.)
- Once you have made the above request you will receive an email from the program coordinator stating that you have permission to register for the module(s).
- You can either register in WarriorWeb by adding the courses, or you may forward the email that you received from the program coordinator (using your lcmail address) to the Registrar's office registrar@lcsc.edu and you will be permitted to enroll or will be placed in the module(s).



Payment for the Module(s)

- After you have completed this process, you will need to contact [Student Account Services](#) (full weblink <http://www.lcsc.edu/student-accounts/>) to pay for the module(s) you take.
- Alternatively, you may pay for your tuition and fees via WarriorWeb.