Minnesota State University Moorhead
School of Teaching and Learning

*MSUM candidates are becoming professionals who are knowledgeable, humanistic, reflective, and creative.**

Early Childhood Majors

License: Early childhood education majors are licensed to teach children from birth to grade three in a variety of settings, including preschool, Head Start, child care, early childhood family education programs, and elementary schools.

Special Education Majors

License: Special Education majors choose a licensure area in one or more of the following:

- Early Childhood Special Education
- Developmental Disabilities
- Emotional Behavioral Disorders
- Learning Disabilities
- Physical and Health Disabilities (graduate level only)

Elementary Education Majors

License: All elementary education majors must add a specialty area to their elementary program. These specialty areas will determine whether the student's license extends upward to eighth grade, or downward to three-year-olds.

Specialty Area Options:

- Communication, Arts, and Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language and Culture: Spanish
- Preprimary Education

The Minnesota Board of Teaching has designed its licensures for teachers to overlap so that schools can more freely move teachers from one setting to the next, according to the needs of the school. A teacher with an early childhood license will be able to teach in the primary grades as well as in pre-primary classrooms. Elementary teachers will be able to move into preschool programs or into middle school settings, grades five through eight, depending on the area they have chosen for their specialty. Likewise, secondary teachers who traditionally have taught in high schools, grades seven through twelve, will now be able to work in middle schools serving students as young as fifth grade.

	Licensure Range
	Core K-6 License onto Which Specialty Areas Attach

Minnesota Teaching Licensure Options

	Birth – 3 years	3 – 4 years	K – Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grades 9 - 12
Early Childhood Licensure									
Elementary with Preprimary Specialty									
Elementary with 5-8th Content Specialty									
Middle & Secondary (5th-12th)									
Early Childhood Special Education			…to age 6						
All Other Special Education									
Music, Art, ELL, Spanish, PE									