

Initial Licensure vs. Professional Studies Degree-Objective Changes

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The CEHD Dean's Office and the Office of Teacher Education have reviewed policies and procedures for Initial Licensure Program (ILP), Teaching M.Ed., and C&I Professional Studies M.Ed. students who may want or need to change degree programs. Historically, students have been moved from one program to the other, usually for reasons related to licensure recommendation. As you know, M.Ed. programs adhere to University graduate education policies, including the policy related to readmission and change of degree objectives.

With this in mind, we will now follow the processes outlined below. These processes will keep us in compliance with University policy and help many students avoid being required to apply and pay a \$75 fee to move from the ILP Teaching M.Ed. to the C&I Professional Studies M.Ed. when the student cannot be recommended for licensure.

Process for ILP Teaching M.Ed. students who cannot be recommended for teaching license

- Student remains in Teaching M.Ed. program, finishes Teaching M.Ed. degree requirements, and degree is cleared for Teaching M.Ed.
- Student is not recommended for license
- For reporting purposes, CEHD/O TE can run reports comparing who finished the Teaching M.Ed. vs. who was recommended for license, and show students who completed the degree without the license.

Process for students who want to move between ILP Teaching M.Ed. and C&I Professional Studies M.Ed.

- Students should immediately consult with their M.Ed. advisor, as the purpose and program requirements are very different for the two programs. Additionally, students should be informed that there will be a \$75 application fee to move from one degree program to another program via the Office of Graduate Admissions.