



## ALABAMA Frequently Asked Questions

- ***Is Lesley University an accredited institution?***

Yes. Lesley University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (N.E.A.S.C.: 209 Burlington Road Bedford, MA 01730-1433 Tel. (781) 271-0022); which is one of the six regional accrediting authorities in the United States. <http://www.lesley.edu/accreditation.html>

- ***Will I be eligible for a pay increase upon completion of a Lesley University Master of Education program?***

Yes. Please see below or visit the Alabama State Department of Education website to view this question and answer.

<http://www.alsde.edu/HTML/sections/teachercertAnswers.asp?section=66&sort=1&id=355&footer=sections>

“...A certified teacher is entitled to be paid for the highest degree s/he holds from a regionally accredited college or university (accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or a comparable regional accrediting agency in another area of the United States). That degree need not be related to the teacher’s assignment. For example, several teachers are being paid on the basis of holding degrees in business administration, divinity, law, etc. The significant factor is to be sure that the institution is regionally accredited before beginning a program of study.”

- ***Will I be highly qualified upon completion of one of Lesley University’s programs?***

Unfortunately, neither of the Curriculum & Instruction Master’s in Education, nor the Technology in Education, M.Ed. offered by Lesley University meet the criteria for subject matter content set forth in the NCLB standards. Alternative methods may be available. Please check with your local district or visit the Alabama State Department of Education website at this link to find out more:

<http://www.alsde.edu/HTML/sections/teachercertQuestions.asp?section=66&sort=6&footer=sections>





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- ***Will my teaching certificate upgrade from Class B (Bachelor's degree level) to Class A (Master's degree level) upon completion of one of the three Lesley University graduate programs?***

Only state department approved programs in specific content area fields meet the requirements for certificate upgrades. To find out additional information please visit the Alabama State Department of Education website at:

<http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/teachercertQuestions.asp?section=66&sort=3&footer=sections>

- ***Can I continue on to an Ed Specialist program upon completion of the Lesley University graduate program?***

Yes. However, some Alabama state teacher education programs require Class A (Master's degree level) certification as part of their entrance requirements. Since our degree programs do not offer Class A (Master's degree level) certification it would be wise to check with the institution you plan to attend prior to joining one of our programs. Lesley is currently offering an Ed Specialist degree program in Alabama so you could apply for that program.

