

The Vermont licensing regulations require that all applicants have earned an overall average of 3.0 by the time they reach program completion. Unfortunately, you haven't earned this required overall GPA. Therefore, if you are interested in being eligible for a Vermont Educator's license or the licensure recommendation stamp to be placed on your transcript, you will need to successfully appeal to the CESS Student Affairs Committee and request that the 3.0 be waived.

If you are requesting to waive the requirement that you earn an overall average of 3.0 to be eligible for licensure, you must submit the following information to Barbara Romanoff in 528 Waterman. Once we have this information, we will send a copy to the program faculty and ask them to review it and determine if they (under the signature of the program co-ordinator) will write a letter of support. It is essential that you carefully prepare your packet of documentation so that Program Faculty can use this information when determining if they can support your request. The materials that you provide, along with the information from the faculty, will be reviewed by the CESS Student Affairs Committee to determine if this requirement will be waived.

Complete the Request form (<http://www.uvm.edu/~cess/stservices/forms/REQUESTFM1.pdf>) and ask that you be given permission to be recommended for licensure without having the required overall average of 3.0. The supporting documentation must include:

1. A letter from you, the student, written to the Program Faculty, which includes –
 - Statement of current overall average and UVM credit earned
 - Statement of each reason (personal and/or academic) why you have not earned the required 3.0 and a brief explanation of each one
 - List of the ways in which you have demonstrated “intellectual competence” and a description of each one. (When the VT Commissioner of Education added the requirement for the liberal arts and sciences requirement, he emphasized that he wasn’t adding it so that individuals would become better teachers. He wanted everyone to become better educated individuals by moving to higher levels of thinking by completing higher levels of coursework. It might then result in becoming a better teacher, but the emphasis was on being better educated.) What have you done in your major concentration that demonstrates higher levels of thinking etc. Some websites include:

Bloom's Taxonomy

<http://www.officeport.com/edu/blooms.htm>

2. An unofficial transcript from the Registrar’s Office (not a web copy) on which you have highlighted all courses which have a C- or below
3. Any additional information which you wish to submit to support your request

(Note that Program faculty may request additional information)

Program faculty will review your information. The co-ordinator will then write a letter that will accompany your appeal when it is sent to the Student Affairs Committee for review. If your appeal is approved, the letter from the co-ordinator will then be sent to the Vermont State Department of Education. It’s important to note that even if the Student Affairs Committee supports waiving the overall average of 3.0, the Vermont State Department of Education determines if a license will be issued.

If you have questions, I can be reached by e-mail (Beth.Mohler@uvm.edu) or by phone (802-656-1444).