What is the Lowell Program?

It is:
- Free to Lowell Teachers (up to two courses per year paid for by LPS tuition reimbursement)
- The ONLY route to the new B.A. + 15 salary step
- 10 courses
  - 7 required courses
  - 3 elective or transfer courses

This focused Professional Development program will provide you with

- A coordinated sequence of Professional Development courses
- Research-based strategies for “best practice” in an urban setting
- Collegial collaboration to develop effective teaching methods

The Lowell Program

M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction

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The Lowell Program

- Designed and taught by your peers in the Lowell Public Schools
- Focus on collegial collaboration
- Designed to address classroom issues of Lowell schools
- Practical strategies for standards based instruction and assessment
- Grounded in urban school setting
- Economical way to earn a fully accredited Master’s degree

M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, concentration in Urban Education

How Does it work?
- Up to three Lowell Program courses may be taken before applying to the Graduate School
- To matriculate in UMass Lowell:
  - Send in Application Form
  - Include three academic references
  - Send GRE results to UMass Lowell Graduate School of Education (R3911)
- Earn UML credit for 8 - 10 courses*
  * Two electives may be transferred in with Dean’s approval
- Subsidized tuition
  - Cost to you is $250 in-state, $500 out-of-state for each 3-credit course
- Graduate with fully accredited Master’s degree

A coordinated sequence of courses

Part A (5 courses)
- Standards Based Education I and II
- Cultural Diversity or Language Acquisition
- Literacy elective*
- Content Area elective*
  *may be transferred in for credit

Part B (5 courses)
- Curriculum Design and Assessment
- Differentiation of Instruction
- Content Area elective*
- Action Research (Literacy)
- Capstone Project
  *may be transferred in for credit

What about transfer credit?
- Transfers for Lowell Program credit toward salary steps
  - All UML and School of Ed graduate level courses are acceptable
  - See the Lowell Program website for a list of other courses that qualify as elective transfer courses.
- Graduate credit toward UML degree
  - E-mail Dean Pierson (donald_pierson@uml.edu) for preliminary approval of qualifying courses

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