

# **RETELL Information for DESE re-licensure as of July 1, 2016**

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RETELL is coming....RETELL is coming BUT don't panic!

**RETELL (Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners)** is a DESE initiative to improve and support the academic achievement of English language learners in our Commonwealth.

*ALL EDUCATORS holding a Professional License who seek to renew that license on or after July 1, 2016 will need to learn 150 PDP's, including at least 15 PDP's in Sheltered English Immersion/English as a Second Language (SEI/ELL), 15 PDP's in training in strategies for students with disabilities and instruction of students with diverse learning styles, and 90 PDP's in their content area of the license or in pedagogy, with no less than 60 PDP's in or related to the content area of the educator's primary license. The remaining 30 required PDP's may be earned in elective areas. ([www.doe.mass.edu/retell](http://www.doe.mass.edu/retell))*

**As school nurses are licensed as educators under DESE in MA, school nurses will be required to have these PDP's when renewing their DESE license as of July 1, 2016. School Nurses NEED to have the 15 PDP's in SEI/ELL as well as 15 PDP's in working with students with disabilities. Information for School Nurses can be found on the DESE web site as well as the School Health Institute web site [www.neushi.org](http://www.neushi.org) under the School Health Resources Tab under RESOURCES.**

- **For purposes of SEI/ELL “Core academic teachers” include early childhood and elementary teachers, teacher of students with moderate or severe disabilities, and teachers in the following academic subjects: English, reading and language arts, mathematics, science, civics and government, economics, history and geography. (School Nurses and Health Educators are NOT considered Core)**
- **School districts will be communicating the availability of programs to be offered for all educators. School districts will be providing programs to fulfill these requirements.**
- **School nurses do not have to obtain the “SEI Endorsement” (different than SEI/ELL) as only educators who “supervise” Core academic teachers need this endorsement. (The “SEI Endorsement” is a 45 hour course for Core teachers and a 15 hour course for Administrators who “supervise and evaluate Core teachers”)**
- **Nurse Leaders that have their Supervisor/Director License do not need the SEI Endorsement if they are not supervising and evaluating Core academic teachers. They DO need the SEI/ELL and working with Students with disabilities PDP's as of July 1, 2016.**
- **School Health Institute will be offering programs that address Working with Students with Disabilities programs as well as SEI/ELL the over the next 3 years ([www.neushi.org](http://www.neushi.org)). They do not have to be taken in any sequence...each program is stand-alone and has CEU's for school nurses.**
- **If you are renewing your DESE license prior to July 1, 2016, you will need these requirements when you next renew 5 years after that.**