

**State/Territory \*KEY**

**License Title** Specific title of license issued by the state/territory.

Note, if a state/territory issues a required time-limited license for purposes of gaining supervised experience after graduating that has different educational requirements, information for this type of license and the next-level license is provided. Curriculum should be compared to all relevant titles/levels in order to determine if a program “meets” educational requirements.

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** "No" means the Board does not require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"Yes" means the Board does require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** "Yes" means there is language in statute or rule that a program that holds specialized accreditation meets some or all education requirements.

"No" means Board does not indicate that specialized accreditation meets all educational requirements.

"N/A" means state/territory does not offer a license.

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** “Yes” means a comparison of the program to specific state standards/coursework/supervised experience listed is needed to determine if the program meets educational requirements for licensure.

"No" means a program does not need to compare their program to specific state/territory educational requirements. In most instances, the Board/Agency is relying on specialized accreditation or approval, license applicants holding certification, or license applicants meeting examination requirements.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, each licensing board will still evaluate each individual graduate's application at the time they apply.

**Specific Coursework** Specific information from statute, rule, application, or website is copied that includes state/territory requirement of certain courses or other educational requirements to be completed as part of the program. Licensing board/agency will review the graduate's transcript to determine if educational requirements were completed.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, if references to other sections of statutes/regulations are listed, The Bookmark includes all relevant information required for curriculum comparison here. In other words, programs do not need to complete further research into statutes/regulations to determine comparison requirements.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Information is provided about any required practicum, internship, or supervised clinical experiences required to be completed as part of the program.

“N/A” means the state/territory does not issue a license.

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** "Yes" means the state/territory has adopted one or more relevant licensure compacts or interstate reciprocity agreements. The state/territory is a member of the compact or reciprocity agreement.

“Pending” means the compact or interstate reciprocity agreement is not yet enacted (does not have enough states/territories as members yet), but the state/territory is a member.

“No” means the state/territory is not a member of a relevant licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement.

“None found” means no relevant national licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement exists for this profession or occupation.

**Board/Agency Name** Licensing board or agency name

**Board/Agency Website**

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Citation to the relevant section(s) of state statutes, regulations or rules.

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

“No” means the state/territory does not require a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

“N/A” means the state/territory does not issue a license.

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

“No” means the state/territory does not require a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not issue a license.

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Training, continuing education or other requirements for initial licensure are listed here. These DO NOT need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** Experience required for initial licensure. This could be supervised work experience after graduating, experience accrued outside of the program, or specific prior work experience. This DOES NOT (and in most cases, cannot) need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

**Exam(s) Required** Any exams required for the type of license.

"None found" means that the state/territory does not specify an exam for that particular license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not offer a license.

**Notes** --Educational requirements are provided for the recent graduate of a program of a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. who is, or will be, applying for their first license or certification (typically by exam).

--Some states have additional levels of license/certification or additional scope of practice available if specific coursework, training, or work experience is completed. The Bookmark only captures the first level of license/certification (unless otherwise indicated).

--Some license types have multiple pathways to qualify. The Bookmark includes information through the lens of a program offered at a regionally accredited college or university, and does not include all of the possible ways that an individual may qualify for the license.

--Terminology is inconsistent across states/territories for most license types. Certification, license, credential, endorsement and certificate are all used to describe the legally required permission by a state/territory to practice a particular profession or occupation. The Bookmark uses license and certification to refer to all of these. The exact title is provided for each state/territory.

**Last Reviewed Date**

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Alabama

**License Title** Professional Educator Certificate, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

(1) Overview. An individual who holds a valid professional educator certificate issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. Territory, or the Department of Defense Education Activity (henceforth in this Rule referred to as “another state”) may seek an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate. This approach is commonly referred to as Certificate Reciprocity.

(2) Limitations on Issuance.

(a) An individual may be eligible for Alabama certification only if the professional educator certificate issued by another state is in an area, at a grade level, and at degree level in which Alabama offers comparable certification.

Ala. Admin. Code 290-3-2-.20

For applicants who completed a Master's degree and are seeking the Masters-degree level on their AL license (i.e. Class A):

(e) The completion of a graduate-level (master's degree level or higher) state-approved P-12 educator preparation program may be verified on Form VER for consideration of advancing the degree level of the Alabama certificate offered to an applicant whose valid professional educator certificate issued by another state reflects an area of comparable certification, but does not reflect a degree level.

1. The program must require at least 30 semester hours of graduate credit and the transcript must post a major in the teaching field at the degree level of the program. However, if by institutional policy a major in the teaching field is not posted, verification of having earned at least 12 semester hours of graduate credit in the teaching field is required. The 12 semester hours of graduate credit may not include credit for internship, practicum, student teaching, or lab experiences. This credit must have been earned prior to the date of program completion and must not have been applied to the prior issuance of an Alabama certificate in any area.

Ala. Admin. Code 290-3-2-.20

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Alabama State Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.alabamaachieves.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Ala.Code 1975 § 16-23;

Ala. Admin. Code r. 290-3-2

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Alabama prescribed Praxis subject area test

Admin Code r.290-3-2-.20 (9)

Note, as of August 2025, all testing is currently waived for reciprocity applicants (i.e. applicants who hold a valid, comparable license in another state)

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/24/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Alaska

**License Title** Initial Teacher Certificate, Life Science

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes, if not NCATE/CAEP accredited.

**Specific Coursework** No subject area-specific requirements are available. Out-of-state program must be NCATE/CAEP accredited or "equivalent" to NCATE/CAEP standards.

(a) For purposes of issuing a certificate under this chapter, the commissioner will accept the educator preparation program completed by an applicant for a professional teacher certificate under 4 AAC 12.305(b), special education endorsement certificate under 4 AAC 12.330, school administrator or special education administrator certificate under 4 AAC 12.345, and a special education administrator certificate under 4 AAC 12.347, if the preparation program

(1) is approved by the board under 4 AAC 12.308; or

(2) for a program offered in another state, is

(A) offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education or was an alternate program approved by the board of education or chief school officer in the state in which the program is offered as meeting the state's standards for comparable certificates; and

(B) approved by the board of education or chief school officer of the state in which the program is offered as substantially meeting the unit standards set out in Professional Standards for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation Institutions, adopted by reference in 4 AAC 12.308.

(b) For purposes of this section, the commissioner may consider a program that substantially meets the unit standards set out in Professional Standards for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation Institutions, adopted by reference in 4 AAC 12.308, to have been approved by the state in which the program was offered if that state awards comparable certificates based on the preparation program in question.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 4, § 12.307

4 AAC 12.308. Approval of in-state educator preparation programs.

(a) A regionally accredited institution of higher education or a nationally accredited institution of higher education if approved by the commissioner under AS 14.20.020(b) in this state may apply to the board for approval of the following educator preparation programs:

(1) a teacher preparation program;

(2) a special education teacher preparation program;

(3) an education administrator preparation program; the program may include a specialization for principal or superintendent;

(4) a special education administrator preparation program;

(5) a special services preparation program in school psychology, school counseling, school social work, or school library science.

(b) For educator preparation programs for which the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education or the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) sets standards, the board will approve an application under (a) of this section if the program offered by the applicant substantially meets the Professional Standards for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation Institutions, published by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, revised as of February 2008, and adopted by reference or the CAEP Accreditation Standards, published by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, revised as of February 13, 2015, and adopted by reference..

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** No supervised experience requirements are available. Out-of-state program must be NCATE/CAEP accredited or "equivalent" to NCATE/CAEP standards. See Specific Coursework entry for more details.

Note, Student teachers serving in Alaska public schools must receive authorization from the Teacher Certification Office.

[https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/certification/miscellaneous-certificates-and-](https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/certification/miscellaneous-certificates-and-processes#_Student_Teacher_Authorization)

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**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

**Board/Agency Website** <https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 4 AAC 12.300

4 AAC 12.305

4 AAC 12.307

4 AAC 12.308

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** 4 mandatory trainings

From the website:

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the following mandatory training has been completed within the five years prior to the date of application:

Sexual abuse awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.355)

Alcohol or drug-related disabilities (AS 14.20.680)

Dating violence awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.356)

Only training approved by an Alaska public school district, or the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) will satisfy this requirement. Training offered by universities and other organizations must be approved by DEED.

Suicide awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.362)

As per statute, only training approved by the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) will satisfy this

requirement. Visit Suicide Prevention, Awareness, and Postvention.

Only trainings approved by an Alaska public school district, or the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) will satisfy this requirement. Training offered by universities and other organizations must be approved by DEED.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Alaska requires applicants to provide verification of passing scores on an approved basic competency exam and content area exam. Note that teachers in grades K-3 must obtain an AK Reads Endorsement as well.

Approved basic competency exams: <https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/praxis>

Approved content area exams: <https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/contentareaexams>

Approved AK Reads Endorsement exams: <https://education.alaska.gov/Alaska-Reading-Resources/DEED-Approved-Courses-and-Exams>

**Notes** Applicants may qualify for a three-year initial license if they have taken 3 semester hours each of Alaska Studies and Multicultural courses.

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**State/Territory** American Samoa

**License Title** None found

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** N/A

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** N/A

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** N/A

**Specific Coursework** (3) Professional teacher certification I—Requires no less than a baccalaureate degree and successful completion of ASDOE approved courses and tests.

AS Code 16.1001 (d)

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** N/A

**Board/Agency Name** American Samoa Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.amsamoadoe.com/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** AS Code 16.1001

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** N/A

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** N/A

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** N/A

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** N/A

**Exam(s) Required** Not found on AS website or in regulations. The ETS website shows that AS uses Praxis.  
<https://praxis.ets.org/state-requirements/americansamoa-tests.html>

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 7/29/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Arizona

**License Title** Standard Professional Certificate, Biology (Varies)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Arizona Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Ariz. Admin. Code R7-2-610

Ariz. Admin. Code R7-2-621

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-532

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Applicants coming from another state are required to have U.S. Constitution and Arizona State Constitution. These are allowable deficiencies for 1 or 3 years, depending on the area of certification, and the certificate will be issued without meeting these requirements.

From: <https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/reciprocity>

R7-2-621. Reciprocity

D.The applicant shall have completed the required class or passed a satisfactory examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona.

E.Notwithstanding any other provision, the deficiencies allowed pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes in Arizona Constitution and United States Constitution shall be satisfied prior to the issuance of the same type of certificate prescribed in this Article, but are subject to suspension as follows:

1.An applicant's standard Arizona teaching certificate shall be suspended three years from the date of issuance if the applicant has not completed the required class or passed a satisfactory examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona.

2.An applicant's standard Arizona teaching certificate shall be suspended one year from the date of issuance if the applicant has not completed the required class or passed a satisfactory examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona if the applicant applies for a certificate authorizing the perMarch son to teach an academic course that focuses predominantly on history, government, social studies, citizenship, law or civics.

3.The suspension for a deficiency in the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona is not considered a disciplinary action and the applicant shall be allowed to correct that deficiency within the remaining time of the standard certification.

A.A.C. § R7-2-621

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Applicants who hold a valid certificate in another state are exempt from the AZ exams.

R7-2-621. Reciprocity

A.The Board shall issue a comparable standard Arizona certificate or endorsement as applicable, if one is established pursuant to this Article, to an applicant who holds a valid certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing with that other state. These applicants are exempt from all provisions of the Arizona Teacher proficiency examinations.

A.A.C. § R7-2-621

**Notes** Out-of-state program completers who do not hold a valid, current, professional license in another may still apply for AZ certification. Applicants will need to meet the coursework and testing requirements detailed here: <https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/certificates>

**Last Reviewed Date** 7/30/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Arkansas

**License Title** Provisional (for up to 3 years if exams/courses not completed) or Standard License, Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

2-6.02.13 The Division shall grant reciprocity to a person who holds a current or expired Standard License (or Standard License Equivalent) from another state upon receipt of the following:

2-6.02.13.1 A valid, Standard License (or Standard License Equivalent) that:

2-6.02.13.1.1 Was issued in another state; and

2-6.02.13.1.2 Has been in good standing during the most recent three (3) years of the applicant's teaching experience;

2-6.02.16 Documentation of one (1) of the following:

2-6.02.16.1 Successful completion of a program of teacher education at a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education, but only if the applicant possesses a Standard License Equivalent;

2-6.02.16.2 Successful completion of an educator preparation program that is nationally accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education,

2-6.02.16.3 If the applicant is a National Board Certified Teacher, documentation of current certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

#### ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Arkansas Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** AR DESE Rules 2-6.02.13

A.C.A. § 6-17-403

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Arkansas History:

2-6.02.17 For applicants seeking licensure in Early Childhood (P-4), Elementary Education (K-6) or for any elementary licensure level that includes a grade within K-6, Middle Childhood Social Studies (4-8), or Secondary Social Studies (7-12), documentation of the successful completion of three (3) college credit-hours in Arkansas History at an accredited college or university or an approved learning pathway;

2-6.02.17.1 The Division may issue a one-year Provisional License for an applicant who has not completed the Arkansas History requirements of Section 2-5.02.2;

Professional Development:

2-6.02.18 Documentation of the completion of the professional development, identified in Appendix B.

2-6.02.19 The Division may issue a Provisional License for an applicant who has not completed the professional development under Section 2- 5.02.2.

Child Maltreatment/Mandated Reporting per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-61-133

Family and Community Engagement per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1703

Mental Health Awareness and Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-708

Bullying Prevention per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-711

Dyslexia per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-609

Human Trafficking per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-710

Arkansas History per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17- 418

#### ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** AR licensure requires 3 years of teaching under the out-of-state license or passing scores on assessments

2-6.02.13.4 Documentation that the applicant has completed at least three (3) years of teaching under the out-of-state license.

2-6.02.13.4.1 An applicant who has not completed three (3) years of teaching under the out-of-state license shall also submit an official score report: (see exam entry for more details)

#### ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE

**Exam(s) Required** AR licensure requires 3 years of teaching under the out-of-state license or passing scores on assessments

2-6.02.13.4 Documentation that the applicant has completed at least three (3) years of teaching under the out-of-state license.

2-6.02.13.4.1 An applicant who has not completed three (3) years of teaching under the out-of-state license shall also submit an official score report:

2-6.02.13.4.1.1 Reflecting passing scores on the appropriate content-area assessments required by the licensing state, including for licensure in Elementary Education (K-6) or Special Education (K-12) the standalone reading assessment, as adopted by the State Board; or

2-6.02.13.4.1.2 If the licensing state does not require such assessments, reflecting passing scores, as approved by the State Board, on the appropriate content-area assessments as mandated by the State Board, including for licensure in Elementary Education (K6) or Special Education (K12) the stand-alone reading assessment, as adopted by the State Board;



2-6.02.13.4.1.2.1 The Division may issue a Provisional License for up to three (3) years for an applicant who has not completed the stand-alone reading assessment;

2-6.02.13.4.1.3 An out-of-state applicant may also be eligible for the Alternate Assessment Plan as referenced in section 2-6.02.3.2.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/1/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** California

**License Title** Preliminary Credential, Science: Biology (P-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the commission shall issue a five-year preliminary multiple subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in a self-contained classroom, a five-year preliminary single subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes, or a five-year preliminary education specialist credential authorizing instruction of special education pupils to an out-of-state prepared teacher who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

(2) Has completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education or a state-approved teacher preparation program offered by a local educational agency.

(3) Meets the subject matter knowledge requirements for the credential. If the subject area listed on the out-of-state credential does not correspond to a California subject area, as specified in Sections 44257 and 44282, the commission may require the applicant to meet California subject matter requirements before issuing a clear credential.

(4) Has earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential based upon the out-of-state teacher preparation program. For the education specialist credential, the commission shall determine the area of concentration based on the special education program completed out of state, or shall allow the candidate to demonstrate the area of concentration based on two years of experience in California, while the candidate holds the preliminary credential.

Cal. Educ. Code § 44274.2

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Ann.Cal.Educ.Code § 44274

5 CCR § 80000

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Applicants must meet the Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) within one year of application. The BSR may be met through holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited university, completing specific coursework, or passing an exam. [https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-\(cl-667\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/basic-skills-requirement-(cl-667))

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/11/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>



**State/Territory** Colorado  
**License Title** None found  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** N/A  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** N/A  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** N/A  
**Specific Coursework** N/A  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** N/A  
**Board/Agency Name** Colorado Department of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 1 Colo. Code Regs. § 301  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** N/A  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** N/A  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** N/A  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** N/A  
**Exam(s) Required** N/A  
**Notes** Colorado does not offer science specializations, but applicants may be eligible for a general science endorsement.

Some out-of-state applicants have subject-specific endorsements like biology, chemistry, etc. In these cases, we will evaluate your transcripts to see if you meet the 24-semester hour requirement as outlined on the worksheet for the general content area (such as "secondary science") we do offer. If you do not have the coursework required by Colorado standards, you will be required to take and pass an approved Colorado content exam.

(from <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/outofstatefaq>)

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Connecticut

**License Title** Initial Educator Certificate, Biology (4-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** On and after July 1, 1993, to receive an initial educator certificate for secondary academic subjects an applicant shall present evidence of meeting the following requirements in addition to meeting assessment requirements, as appropriate:

(a) Holds a bachelor's degree from an approved institution;

(b) Has a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in general academic courses in five of the six areas listed below. A course in United States history. On and after July 1, 1998, a survey course in United States history comprised of not fewer than three semester hours of credit shall be included.

(1) English;

(2) Natural sciences;

(3) Mathematics;

(4) Social studies;

(5) Foreign language; and

(6) Fine arts;

(c) Has completed a subject-area major consisting of one of the following:

(1) A major awarded by an approved institution in the subject area for which certification is sought, except that a major in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement; or

(2) A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit in the subject for which endorsement is sought and a minimum of nine semester hours of credit in a subject or subjects related to the subject for which endorsement is sought, except that a major or course work in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement, and except that:

(A) For the general science endorsement, a major consisting of a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in science including study in biology, chemistry, physics and earth science;

(B) For the history and social studies endorsement:

(i) A major awarded by an approved institution in history, except that on and after July 1, 1998, 18 semester hours of credit in social studies shall be included; or

(ii) A major in political science; economics; geography; anthropology or sociology including at least 18 semester hours of credit in history, or

(iii) An interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement, each of which shall include 18 semester hours of credit in history including United States history, western civilization or European history and nonwestern history, provided that for the interdisciplinary major, study shall include a minimum of one course in each of the following areas: political science; economics; geography; sociology or anthropology or psychology;

(C) For the business endorsement, a major awarded by an approved institution in business or in any one of the subjects covered by the endorsement or an interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement;

(D) For a foreign language endorsement, 24 semester hours of credit in the foreign language in which endorsement is sought; and

(4) Has a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit in professional education in a planned program of study and experience to be distributed among each of the following:

(A) Foundations of education. This group includes areas such as: (1) philosophy of education, (2) school effectiveness, (3) history of education and (4) comparative education;

(B) Educational psychology. This group includes areas such as: (1) growth and development of children from birth through the life span, (2) psychology of learning, (3) child-adolescent psychology and (4) mental hygiene;

(C) Curriculum and methods of teaching. This group includes areas such as: (1) subject area curriculum and methodology and (2) effective teaching skills;

(D) Supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible student teaching in a secondary school totaling at least six but not more than 12 semester hours of credit as part of the requirement; and

(E) A course of study in special education comprised of not fewer than 36 clock hours, which shall include study in understanding the growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may require special education, and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special-needs children in the regular classroom.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible student teaching in a secondary school totaling at least six but not more than 12 semester hours of credit as part of the requirement

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Connecticut State Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Bureau-of-Certification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Conn. Agencies Regs. 10-145d;

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-145b

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** 1 year Interim Certificate available to complete coursework.

Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 10-145d-412(4) The applicant shall be required to complete a course of study in special education comprised of not fewer than 36 clock hours, which shall include study in understanding the growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may require special education, and

methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs children in the regular classroom. (B) An applicant who fulfills all requirements for issuance of the initial educator certificate but lacks a course of study in special education, may be issued an interim educator certificate with a deficiency, provided such applicant completed a teacher preparation program either in the state prior to July 1, 1987, or outside the state, or completed the necessary combination of professional experience or course work. This deficiency in a special education course of study shall be satisfied prior to receipt of further certification.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Must pass the CT Board-approved exams

Sec. 10-145f. Testing for prospective teachers.

(b)

(1) Any person who does not hold a valid certificate pursuant to section 10-145b, as amended by this act, shall achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible for a certificate pursuant to said section unless such assessment has not been approved by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in which case the applicant shall not be denied a certificate solely because of the lack of an evaluation on such assessment.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-145f

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/24/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Delaware

**License Title** Initial License, Secondary Science Teacher - Biology Standard Certificate (9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes, if not NCATE/CAEP accredited.

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state program must be NCATE/CAEP accredited or "equivalent" to NCATE/CAEP standards.

#### 4.0 Requirements for an Initial License

4.1 Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1210(a), the Department may issue an Initial License to an applicant who has satisfied the requirements in subsections 4.1.1 through 4.1.3.

4.1.1 The applicant shall have earned, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a 4-year regionally accredited college or university. Notwithstanding the foregoing requirement, an applicant for a Skilled and Technical Sciences Teacher Standard Certificate (14 DE Admin. Code 1559) shall complete the coursework specified in Section 4.0 of 14 DE Admin. Code 1559 prior to the expiration of the Initial License.

4.1.2 The applicant shall have simultaneously applied for and met the requirements of at least 1 content area Standard Certificate.

4.1.2.1 An Initial License will not be issued if the applicant does not meet the requirements of the content area Standard Certificate sought or is ineligible for an Emergency Certificate.

14 Del. Admin. Code 1510

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4.1.1.2 Earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework in secondary science education from an educator preparation program approved or recognized by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) or a state where the state approval body employed the appropriate standards

14 Del. Admin. Code 1543

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Must follow NCATE/CAEP standards or one of the alternative options

4.1.3 The applicant shall have completed a Student Teaching Program or meet the requirements of 1 of the alternatives to student teaching as provided in subsections 4.1.3.1 through 4.1.3.5.

"Student Teaching Program" means a traditional student teaching placement within a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) approved program offered by a college or university, or such alternatives as deemed appropriate to the program, such as supervised internships or other field based experience recognized as a required component of the regionally accredited educator preparation program or a student teaching placement within a state-approved educator preparation program where the state approval body employed the appropriate standards.

4.1.3.1.2 Teaching experience from an Alternative Routes for Teacher Licensure and Certification program may not be used to satisfy the requirement in subsection 4.1.3.1.

4.1.3.1.3 Before commencing the 91 days of substitute teaching, the applicant shall hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

4.1.3.1.4 The applicant shall have completed 1 of requirements in subsections 4.1.3.1.4.1 through 4.1.3.1.4.3.

4.1.3.1.4.1 The applicant completed a minimum of 24 credits in the content area of the Standard Certificate sought with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

4.1.3.1.4.2 The applicant obtained the minimum score on the approved content area examination in the content area of the Standard Certificate sought.

4.1.3.1.4.3 The applicant will be employed as a teacher in the Jobs for Delaware Graduates Program.

4.1.3.1.4.4 The applicant completed a major in education studies or other education major in the content area of the Standard Certificate sought.

4.1.3.1.5 The minimum of 91 days of long-term substitute teaching shall be completed within 2 consecutive school years. The application for an Initial License must be submitted within 1 year of the completion of the 91 days.

14 Del. Admin. Code 1510

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Delaware Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3476>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 14 Del.C. § 1220

14 Del. Admin. Code 1500

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required Praxis**

4.1.2 The applicant shall have achieved a minimum score on 1 of the applicable Praxis Subject Assessments as provided in subsections 4.1.2.1 through 4.1.2.5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the applicant did not achieve the minimum score, the applicant shall meet the requirements set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1519 Multiple Measures for Demonstrating Content Knowledge.

4.1.2.1 For a Secondary Science Teacher Standard Certificate – Biology, the applicant shall have achieved a minimum score of 150 on the Praxis Subject Assessment – Biology: Content Knowledge (ETS Test Code #5235) or a minimum score of 154 on the Praxis: Subject Assessment - Biology (ETS Test Code #5236).

4.2 For an applicant who holds at least 1 content area Standard Certificate, the applicant shall have achieved a minimum score on 1 of the applicable Praxis Subject Assessments as provided in subsection 4.1.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the applicant did not achieve the minimum score, the applicant shall meet the requirements set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1519 Multiple Measures for Demonstrating Content Knowledge.

14 Del. Admin. Code 1543

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/19/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** District of Columbia

**License Title** Standard Teacher Credential, Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

1605.3 OSSE shall award a credential to any applicant who holds or qualifies for an equivalent credential awarded by a state that has established a reciprocity agreement with the District of Columbia.

1605.4 OSSE shall grant an appropriate credential to any applicant from another state that has completed teacher preparation that is at least comparable or equivalent to preparation that meets teacher preparation standards in the District of Columbia, as determined by OSSE, if both of the following circumstances exist:

(a) A reciprocity agreement with the other state is pending completion, or the other state has declined to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the District of Columbia; and

(b) The applicant has met the requirements of the District of Columbia for obtaining a credential in accordance with this section. D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 5-A, § 1605

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Must meet external requirements (out-of-state approved program)

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 5-A, § 1601

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No. Per 1605.3 OSSE shall award a credential to any applicant who holds or qualifies for an equivalent credential awarded by a state that has established a reciprocity agreement with the District of Columbia.

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Applicants must meet Basic Skills, Content, and Pedagogy requirements (as applicable). OSSE may accept exams passed for an out-of-state license.

1601.9 An applicant shall be issued a standard teaching credential by meeting the following requirements and submitting the following:

(3) Successfully passed an examination approved by OSSE, developed to assess general reading, writing, mathematics skills, and other general content knowledge as designated by OSSE; or earned a minimum overall 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale culminating in a bachelor's degree at a college or university accredited by one of the regional accrediting bodies approved by the U.S. Department of Education, or the equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale culminating in a bachelor's degree at a college or university located outside the United States;

(4) Successfully passed a subject matter content examination approved by OSSE, in the content discipline for which a credential is sought; and

(5) Successfully passed a grade-appropriate pedagogy examination approved by OSSE, or performance-based assessment, as designated by OSSE, with a qualifying score determined by OSSE;

CDCR 5-A1601

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/20/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Federated States of Micronesia  
**License Title** No subject-specific certifications found. See Notes for general certification requirements.  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** N/A  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** N/A  
**Board/Agency Name** The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Teacher Certification Program  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.national.doe.fm/>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 40 FSMC §114;  
17 FSMC §102-104  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** N/A  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found  
**Exam(s) Required** N/A  
**Notes** Teacher Certification Regulations  
Part 4. National Teacher Certification Requirements  
No person shall serve as a teacher in any elementary or secondary school within the Federated States of Micronesia, without first having obtained a National Teacher Certificate from the FSM National Department of Education.  
The certificate shall be issued without cost to the teacher, in such form as the Secretary determines.  
Each State Director of Education shall ensure that all teachers, at both public and private schools in the Federated States of Micronesia, shall be duly certified and in possession of a valid teacher certificate as required by law and these regulations. Upon a finding, after notice and a hearing conducted consistent with the provisions of section 109 of FSM Code Title 17, Chapter 1, that any person has served as a teacher without a valid certificate issued pursuant to law or regulations, the Secretary may withhold or withdraw accreditation of the school where such person has served or is serving.  
  
<https://www.national.doe.fm/teacher-certification-regulations/>  
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**State/Territory** Florida

**License Title** Temporary Certificate (for 5 years to complete required FL exams) or Professional Certificate, Certification in Separate Areas of Science (Grades 6-12)--Academic Class: Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

(c) Teacher education programs in states other than Florida. A teacher education program at the bachelor's or higher degree level shall fulfill the general and professional preparation requirements and the specialization requirements for a certification subject area in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The teacher education program shall have been granted by an accredited or a Department approved institution; and,
2. The major subject of the approved program shall be in a subject in which Florida offers certification; and,
3. The instructional level of the major subject of the approved program shall be comparable to or broader than the instructional level at which Florida offers certification in the subject; and,
4. The program curriculum shall have included preservice field experiences and an internship or practicum appropriate to the certification subject area in a prekindergarten through grade 12 setting under the supervision of qualified educators; and,
5. When a master's or higher degree is required for Florida certification in a subject, the program must have been completed at the same or higher degree level.

Fla. Admin. Code Ann. r. 6A-4.003

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** (c) Teacher education programs in states other than Florida. A teacher education program at the bachelor's or higher degree level shall fulfill the general and professional preparation requirements and the specialization requirements for a certification subject area in accordance with the following provisions:

4. The program curriculum shall have included preservice field experiences and an internship or practicum appropriate to the certification subject area in a prekindergarten through grade 12 setting under the supervision of qualified educators;

6A-4.003, F.A.C.

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Florida Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-4.003

Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-4.004

Fla. Stat. § 1012.56

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** All Professional certificates require passing scores on the General Knowledge, subject area, and Professional Education exams (FTCE). Out-of-state program completers will be eligible for a Temporary license, allowing them 5 years to pass these exams.

6A-4.004, F.A.C.

**Notes** Out-of-state Graduates of Approved Teacher Education Programs

Florida accepts approved teacher preparation programs from other states for initial certification, provided that: the program area is also a subject in which Florida offers certification, and the training was completed at the same degree level required in Florida for that subject.

If you are a graduate of an approved teacher preparation program from an institution located in another state, you will likely qualify for a Temporary Florida Educator's Certificate. The Temporary Certificate allows you to begin teaching full-time while you complete the certification exams for the Professional Certificate.

<https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/teacher-edu-program-graduates.shtml#03>

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/25/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Georgia

**License Title** 5-Year Induction Certificate, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements. Note, graduates must meet Special Georgia Requirements (as listed in the Exams and Training columns)

(2) Out-of-State Programs. The GaPSC may certify individuals who have completed state-approved educator preparation programs in any state, under the following conditions:

(a) The educator preparation program was approved by the state approval authority in a state that approves teacher preparation programs, the program was approved for the field in which the educator completed the program, and the program held approval status during the year in which the individual completed the program.

(b) The individual has completed all state-approved program requirements and the authorized official at the program provider has verified program completion on the appropriate GaPSC form.

(c) The program was completed in a field recognized by the GaPSC. If the program was completed in an area recognized in Georgia as an endorsement only, the individual will be eligible for the appropriate endorsement certificate in that field.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 505-2-.22

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Out-of-state program completers completing student teaching in Georgia must meet specific Georgia requirements, including holding a Pre-Service Certificate before beginning clinical experiences

(2) Out-of-State Programs. The GaPSC may certify individuals who have completed state-approved educator preparation programs in any state, under the following conditions:

(d) The individual has completed field experience or clinical practice including student teaching. If field experiences, clinical practice or student teaching was completed in a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA), holding acceptable certification while completing practicum requirements is mandatory and educators (mentors, cooperating teachers, educational leadership coaches/mentors, Service (S) field supervisors) who supervise the field experiences at Georgia schools shall meet requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS. If the educator does not meet these requirements, the clinical practice or field experience does not meet Georgia certification requirements and will not be accepted.

2. Effective July 1, 2020, individuals completing field experiences/clinical practice/ culminating residency (often referred to as student teaching) in a Georgia LUA must be placed in classrooms for a minimum of one full semester or the equivalent.

(i) A full semester is defined as 600 hours (15 weeks, 5 days per week, 8 hours per day). Accounting for illnesses, holidays, and professional development, the accepted minimum is 500 hours.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 505-2-.22

13. Out-of-state EPPs offering initial teacher preparation programs to Georgia residents and/or to residents of other states who fulfill field and clinical experiences in Georgia B/P-12 schools shall ensure their candidates hold the Georgia Pre-Service Certificate prior to beginning any field and clinical experiences in any Georgia B/P-12 school required during program enrollment. The requirements for this certificate are outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE. Out-of-state EPPs preparing candidates for Georgia certification who are employed as a teacher of record while enrolled in their programs shall ensure their candidates hold the appropriate Georgia Teaching (T) certificate (e.g., Provisional Certificate, Permit, or Waiver Certificate). Out-of-state EPPs must also ensure their candidates meet all program assessment requirements outlined in this rule in paragraphs (3) (e) (6); the requirements specified in GaPSC Certification Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM, paragraph (2) (d) 2; and the requirements outlined in GaPSC Certification Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, including the required amount of time spent in the culminating clinical experience (i.e., student teaching or internship occurring after, and not including, field experiences), and passing the ethics and content assessments.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 505-3-.01

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Georgia Professional Standards Commission

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 505-2

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Special Education (Exceptional Child) Course

The special education requirement mandated by House Bill 671 is satisfied by completing a course in the identification and education of children who have special educational needs. This general introductory survey course emphasizes the characteristics of all exceptionalities (behavioral, developmental, and learning disabilities, deaf education, physical and health disabilities, and visual impairment, as well as gifted) with the appropriate identification and educational programming. In addition to coursework, the following may also satisfy the requirement:

Holding National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification;

A degree with a major in Special Education; or

Five years of successful out-of-state educator experience (see Out-of-State Experience Exemption below for more information); There are many courses that cover the required topics, and if you have completed an educator preparation program in another state you may have already completed an acceptable course. If you would like to know if a certain course would be applicable, please Contact Certification and include the course name, course description, and a link to the institution's website.  
<https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/SpecialGeorgiaRequirements.aspx>

(b) Individuals prepared by a GaPSC-accepted out-of-state provider and fulfilling field and clinical experiences in Georgia.  
 2. Meet the following Special Georgia requirements as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA

**REQUIREMENTS:**

(ii) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 505-2-.04

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** All applicants must meet the Special Georgia Requirements:

(b) Individuals prepared by a GaPSC-accepted out-of-state provider and fulfilling field and clinical experiences in Georgia.  
 2. Meet the following Special Georgia requirements as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA

**REQUIREMENTS:**

(i) Attain a passing score on the following assessments:

(I) GACE content knowledge assessment in the field of preparation. If no GACE content knowledge assessment is available for the certification field requested, the applicant is exempt from this requirement.

(II) GACE Ethics for Teachers Assessment.

(III) GACE literacy assessment aligned with the field of preparation if enrolled on or after June 1, 2025.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 505-2-.04

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/28/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Guam

**License Title** Initial Educator Certification, Science (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

(l) Holders of Degrees from NCATE-Accredited Institutions. Holders of degrees in teacher preparation awarded by an institution accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) shall be eligible for an Initial Educator Certificate with the addition of the requirements that are stated in § 8105 (b)(1)(A), (B), (C) and (D).

(m) Interstate Reciprocity. Individuals holding a valid state teaching credential, such as a license or certificate, may qualify for an initial Guam certificate with comparable endorsement areas provided such license is issued by a state that has signed the NASDTEC Inter-State Agreement and is a full credential without deficiencies; or holds national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Guam Commission for Educator Certification

**Board/Agency Website** <https://gcec.guam.gov/services-resources/certification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 5A Guam R. & Regs. § 8104

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes, unless NCATE/CAEP accredited

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** All persons issued an educational professional certificate who have not completed a three (3 ) semester credit course in Guam history of culture shall complete one (1) such course during the first year after certification. Failure to meet this requirement shall constitute sufficient cause to cancel the certificate until the deficiency is corrected.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/28/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Hawaii

**License Title** Provisional License, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

(a) A non-renewable provisional license may be granted to an applicant for three (3) years provided that the individual has met the following criteria:

(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a non-U.S. institution;

(2) Satisfactorily completed a State-approved teacher, librarian or counselor education program;

Haw. Code R. 8-54-9.1 (Weil)

HTSB honors reciprocity for all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, and CNMI for jurisdictional approved preparation programs leading to licensure, licenses, and verifiable relevant experience. HTSB will evaluate non-US programs, licenses, and experiences, please provide the necessary documentation during the application process.

(<https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/>)

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Must meet external requirements (out-of-state approved program)

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Hawaii Teachers Standards Board

**Board/Agency Website** <https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Haw. Code R. 8-54

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None Found

**Exam(s) Required** HTSB-approved exams, passed within the last five years

From the Board website:

Effective January 1, 2023, the HTSB shall accept all official passing scores from HTSB-approved exams completed within five (5) years prior to the application of licensure. Official passing scores from HTSB-approved exams that are older than five (5) years will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

If you are completing an out-of-state teacher education program, and you did not achieve licensure in your state, you will need to complete additional testing requirements listed in NBI 21-13

<https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/licensure-test-categories/>

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/28/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Idaho

**License Title** Standard Instructional Certificate or Interim Certificate (if ID coursework or exams needs to be completed), Biological Science (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state program must be NCATE/TEAC/CAEP accredited.

Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02.022

04. Biological Science (5-9 or 6-12). Twenty (20) semester credit hours including coursework in each of the following areas: molecular and organismal biology, heredity, ecology and biological adaptation. (7-1-21)T

IDAPA 08.02.02.015

01. Standard Instructional Certificate. A Standard Instructional Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach all grades, subject to the grade ranges and subject areas of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. A standard instructional certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university and who meets the following requirements or successfully completes an interim certificate requirements: Effective date (4-6-23)

a. Minimum Credit Hours. Earned a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education, which shall include demonstration of competencies as specified in the Idaho comprehensive literacy plan; and Effective date (3-15-22)

b. Student Teaching. Complete a minimum of ten (10) undergraduate or six (6) graduate semester credit hours, of student teaching; and Effective date (3-15-22)

c. Complete a state board approved educator preparation program and receive an institutional recommendation from the program specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which the applicant is eligible to receive an endorsement; Effective date (4-6-23)

i. To receive endorsement in two (2) fields of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours in one (1) field of teaching, and completion of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours in a second field of teaching. Effective date (3-15-22)

ii. To receive endorsement in (1) field of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least forty-five (45) semester credit hours in a single subject area; Effective date (3-15-22)

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Minimum credit hours must include at least six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, of student teaching in the grade range and subject areas

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Idaho State Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No, but if no license then program must be NCATE/TEAC/CAEP accredited.

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 7/26/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Illinois

**License Title** Professional Educator License, Science - Biology (9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

(2) the applicant must:

(A) have completed a state-approved program for the licensure area sought, including coursework concerning (i) methods of instruction of the exceptional child, (ii) methods of reading that align with all applicable standards set forth in Part 23 of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code and reading in the content area, and (iii) instructional strategies for English learners;

105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/21B-35

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Illinois State Board of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.isbe.net/educatorlicensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23;

105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/21B-35

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No, but holding license waives IL coursework requirements

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** If out-of-state applicant does not hold license from other state, then must meet 4 coursework requirements. Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods, Reading Methods, Reading in the Content Area, ESL/Bilingual Methods. This coursework can be taken through the applicant's out-of-state EPP and should be verified with form 80-02, which is linked in the next column.

No provisional or temporary license available while course(s) are completed.

Out-of-state programs can seek pre-approval of PEL courses. See <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Pre-Approved-Coursework-for-the-Illinois-Professional-Educator-Out-of-State.aspx>

The coursework requirement does not apply to those out-of-state applicants holding a license, applying through reciprocity.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Illinois

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 7/28/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Indiana

**License Title** Initial Practitioner License, Life Science (5-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes, NCATE/CAEP

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved and/or NCATE/CAEP accredited teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

(C) Holds a bachelor's degree from a teacher education program approved by NCATE/CAEP or its successor, or a state accredited teacher preparation program in good standing.

511 Ind. Admin. Code 16-2-3

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Indiana Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 511 IAC 10.1; 511 IAC 16-2-3

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Valid CPR certification from an IDOE approved provider.

Suicide prevention training certificate.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 7/28/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>



**State/Territory** Iowa  
**License Title** Initial Teaching License, Biological Science (5-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes  
**Specific Coursework** Iowa Admin. Code 282-13.28  
 13.28(17) Science.  
 b. Biological science. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in biological science or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in biological science.  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement  
**Board/Agency Name** Iowa Board of Education Examiners  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educator-quality/become-educator>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Iowa Admin. Code 282-13  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes, but "The application for this license can be in progress if you can obtain verification that you are eligible" for the out-of-state license.  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)**  
**Exam(s) Required** None  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 7/29/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Kansas  
**License Title** Initial Teacher License, Biology (6-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.  
  
 (b) (1) Any person who holds or has held a standard teaching, school leadership, or school specialist license issued by another state may apply for either an initial teaching license, an initial school specialist license, or an initial school leadership license or a professional teaching license, a professional school specialist license, or a professional school leadership license.  
 (2) To obtain an initial teaching license, each applicant specified in paragraph (b)(1) shall submit the following:  
 (A) An official transcript verifying the granting of a bachelor's degree;  
 (B) verification from the unit head or designee of an accredited institution that the applicant has completed a state-approved teacher education program. If the applicant is seeking licensure to teach content in grades 8 through 12, this verification shall not be required if the applicant submits verification of having secured a commitment for hire from a local education agency;  
 Kan. Admin. Regs. 91-1-204  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement  
**Board/Agency Name** Kansas State Department of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** K.A.R. 91-1-204  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found  
**Exam(s) Required** Praxis  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 7/31/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>



**State/Territory** Kentucky

**License Title** Provisional Certificate or Statement of Eligibility (if not employed), Secondary School-Biology (8-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** If out-of-state online program, yes. CAEP.

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved and/or CAEP accredited teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

Section 1. Definition. "Out-of-state educator preparation provider" means an educator preparation provider located outside of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or an online educator preparation provider not subject to the licensing requirements of 13 KAR 1:020 that is not accredited by the Education Professional Standards Board.

Section 2. (1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider, excluding providers that are solely online, shall have completed a program of preparation and the curriculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for teacher or administrative certification.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification who completes an out-of-state educator preparation program through a solely online out-of-state educator preparation provider shall have:

(a) Completed a program of preparation that is:

1. Accredited or approved, as applicable, by the provider's state of origin;
2. Regionally accredited; and
3. Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and

(b) The curriculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for teacher or administrative certification.

16 Ky. Admin. Regs. 4:030

Section 3. Teacher Certification.

(1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider shall:

(a) Possess a teacher license or certificate equivalent to the Kentucky statement of eligibility from the state, territory, or province where the applicant completed his or her preparation program;

(b) Satisfy the degree, academic preparation, and grade point requirements established in 16 KAR 2:010;

(c) Provide evidence that the out-of-state license or certificate was obtained by completion of an approved educator preparation program and not based on the completion of a written or verbal assessment; and

(d) Follow the procedures for certificate application established in 16 KAR 2:010.

16 Ky. Admin. Regs. 4:030

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Must meet out-of-state program approval and/or accreditation requirements.

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board

**Board/Agency Website** <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/course/view.php?id=3>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 16 Ky. Admin. Regs. 4:030

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/20/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Louisiana

**License Title** Out-of-state Certificate, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who are eligible to hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

**B. OS Eligibility requirements:**

1. earn a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602;
2. complete a teacher preparation program in another state;
3. hold a standard out-of-state teaching certificate, or if no certificate was issued, a letter from the state department of education or college of education dean verifying eligibility in that state for a certificate in the certification area(s);

28 La. Admin. Code Pt CXXXI, 511

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Louisiana Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/teaching/Career-Advancement-Opportunities>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** La. Admin Code. tit. 28, Pt CXXXI, § 511

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Must hold or be eligible to hold certification. Practically, yes.

2. Hold or be eligible to hold a standard professional level out-of-state teaching certificate as documented with a copy of the certificate AND the Teacher Preparation/Certification Status form (included with this application packet). If no certificate was issued in another state, the Teacher Preparation/Certification Status form will serve as documentation indicating deficiency which may permit certification in Louisiana.

5. Teacher Preparation/Certification Status form (required) completed by the initial credentialing agency if applicant holds or is eligible to hold certification in another state. If credentialing agency is unable to complete this form, the information may be provided by the teacher preparation program provider, university or college.

([https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/applications/OutOfState\\_Application\\_8\\_17\\_withfillablefields.pdf](https://www.teachlouisiana.net/pdf/applications/OutOfState_Application_8_17_withfillablefields.pdf))

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)**

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/20/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Maine

**License Title** Professional Teacher Certificate, Secondary Teacher-Life Science (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** 05-071 CMR Ch. 115, Pt. II, § 1.1

1.4 Endorsement: Secondary Teacher

A. Function: This endorsement on a teacher certificate allows the holder to teach students in grades 6 through grade 12 in one of the following endorsement areas: 100 English/language arts, 200 social studies 300 mathematics, 350 physical science, or 395 life science.

B. 2. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 2

(a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule;

(b) Completed a minimum of 24 semester hours in the areas relevant to the 6-12 endorsement area being sought. For purposes of this Section, this includes but is not limited to:

i. English (e.g., composition, literature, writing)

ii. Life science (e.g., biology, ecology, botany, zoology, anatomy, physiology, environmental science, entomology, ornithology)

iii. Mathematics (e.g., algebra, geometry, calculus, probability, statistics, finite math, number theory)

iv. Physical science (e.g., chemistry, physics, geology, earth science, astronomy, meteorology, oceanography, soil science)

v. Social studies (e.g., geography, history, economics, government, anthropology, psychology, sociology);

(c) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in diversity-centered content related to today's classroom (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods);

(d) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in human development, educational psychology, developmental psychology, adolescent psychology, or child development;

(e) Passed content area methods course;

(f) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom;

(g) Passed basic skills test in reading, writing, and mathematics, in accordance with Maine Department of Education Regulation 13, or

achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the certification, or

completed a successful portfolio review demonstrating competency in Maine's Initial Teacher Standards; and

(h) Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level. This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a conditional certificate in the endorsement area at the specified grade level.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level.

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Maine Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 05-071 CMR Ch. 115, Pt. II; 20-A M.R.S.A. § 13013

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 6/12/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Maryland

**License Title** Initial Professional License (IPL), Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

B. Out-of-State Pathways to Initial Teacher License.

(1) Out-of-State Teacher Preparation Program. Teacher candidates who complete a teacher preparation program in another state or foreign country shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Bachelor's degree or higher, or a U.S. equivalent of a foreign degree;

(b) Complete a teacher preparation program, to include a clinical internship, approved to lead to licensure in another state or foreign country, in the license area being sought;

Md. Code Regs. 13A.12.02.03

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** A supervised experience in a public or accredited nonpublic school setting at the appropriate age or grade level and in the subject area for which the applicant is seeking certification

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Maryland State Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/index.aspx>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** COMAR 13A.12.02.03

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Certificate holders with certification in early childhood education, elementary education, and special education Infant-3 and 1-8 are required to complete 12 semester hours in reading, which shall include:

Processes and acquisition of reading skills

Methods of teaching reading

Reading assessment

Materials for teaching reading

Certificate holders with certification in a secondary content area, special education 6- Adult, PreK-12 disciplines and library media specialist are required to complete 6 semester hours in reading, which shall include:

Types of reading

Reading assessment

Reading instruction

Strategies for intrinsic and extrinsic motivation for reading

Teaching students to learn from text

Processing multimedia information and strategies to connect reading with study skills

Integrating content area goals with reading goals

These courses are typically titled "Literacy in the Content Area" or "Reading in the Content Area."

When do I need to complete these courses?

Outstanding reading coursework is due at the renewal of the professional certificate. At the time of initial certification, the MSDE will provide you with a Reading Summary outlining what courses are required.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** New testing requirements go into effect in 2025. They include:

– edTPA OR PPAT (Required July 1, 2025)

([https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DEE/Certification/MSDE-LicensureGuide-v4\(a11y\).pdf](https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DEE/Certification/MSDE-LicensureGuide-v4(a11y).pdf))

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/26/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with**

**licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Massachusetts

**License Title** Initial Teaching License (if SEI and MTLE exams completed) or Provisional Teaching License (if SEI not completed), Biology (8-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** Only if out-of-state program was completed in non-NASDTEC state.

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** Yes

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved or accredited teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

(3) Route Three is for candidates from outside Massachusetts. Candidates seeking licensure under Route Three shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Evidence of one of the following:

1. Completion of a state-approved educator preparation program in a state with which Massachusetts has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement or other agreement accepted by the Commissioner.

2. Completion of an educator preparation program sponsored by a college or university outside Massachusetts that has been accredited by a national organization accepted by the Commissioner.

3. Possession of the equivalent of at least an Initial License/certificate issued by a state with which Massachusetts has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement or other agreement accepted by the Commissioner.

603 Mass. Code Regs. 7.05

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** M.G.L.A. 71 § 38G; 603 CMR 7.05

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Sheltered English Immersion (SEI)

You may qualify for the SEI Teacher endorsement through one of the following pathways:

Enroll in and successfully complete a for-cost course sponsored by a DESE-approved vendor; or

Complete a Massachusetts-approved educator preparation program for the applicable license; or

Take and pass the SEI MTEL; or

Hold an ESL/ELL license in Massachusetts; or

Possess a Bachelor's degree in a DESE-approved major or DESE-approved graduate-level training. \*If you believe that you may qualify for the Endorsement by virtue of having the appropriate degree or graduate level training, you may submit materials to the Office of Educator Licensure for review.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Massachusetts

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/26/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Michigan

**License Title** Standard Certificate, Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

Rule 30. (1) Subject to subrule (5) of this rule and R 390.1204, the superintendent of public instruction may issue a standard teaching certificate to an applicant who has paid the applicable evaluation fee if the department has received documentation of both of the following:

(a) One of the following:

(i) An out-of-state certifying authority issued a standard level, or higher, teaching certificate to the applicant at any time based on satisfaction of requirements for certification the superintendent of public instruction considers equivalent to those in effect in this state.

(ii) The applicant satisfactorily completed an out-of-state program the requirements of which the superintendent of public instruction considers equivalent to those in effect in this state that lead to teacher certification.

Mich. Admin. Code R 390.1130

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Michigan Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Mich. Admin. Code R 390;

M.C.L.A. 380.1531

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** First Aid and CPR Requirement

The applicant must also have current training in first aid and child and adult CPR from an approved source such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Section 1531d of Public Act 451 (1976) as amended, MCL 380.1531d

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Michigan

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 8/26/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Minnesota

**License Title** Teacher License, Life Science (5-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** Subpart 1. Scope of practice. A teacher of chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics is authorized to provide instruction in all science disciplines to students in grades 5 through 8 and either chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics, and integrated science offerings, to students in grades 9 through 12. The science discipline that the teacher is qualified to teach in grades 9 through 12 shall be identified on the teacher's license.

Subp. 2. Licensure requirements. A candidate for licensure to teach science to students in grades 5 through 12 shall:

A. hold a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is accredited by the regional association for the accreditation of colleges and secondary schools;

B. demonstrate the standards for effective practice for licensing of beginning teachers in part 8700.2000; and

C. show verification of completing a preparation program approved under chapter 8705 leading to the licensure of teachers of science in grades 5 through 8 in subpart 3 and chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics in grades 9 through 12 in subpart 4, 5, 6, or 7.

Subp. 2a. Exception for candidates with partial science teaching qualification. The board shall issue a license valid for teaching chemistry, earth and space science, life science, or physics in grades 9 through 12 for candidates who complete the requirements of subpart 2, items A and B; and subpart 4; 5; 6; or 7, but have not completed subpart 3. The board shall issue a license to teach all sciences in grades 5 through 8 to a candidate who has completed the requirements of subparts 2, items A and B, and 3 but has not completed subpart 4, 5, 6, or 7. Licenses issued to teach all sciences in grades 5 through 8 under this exception or as a science specialty under part 8710.3200 are not valid for teaching integrated science offerings above grade 9.

Subp. 6. Subject matter standards for teachers of life science. A candidate for licensure as a teacher of life science in grades 9 through 12 must complete a preparation program under subpart 2, item C, that must include the candidate's demonstration of the knowledge and skills in items A to C, and subpart 3, items E and F.

A. A teacher of life science must demonstrate a conceptual understanding of life science. The teacher must:

(1) use sources of information to solve unfamiliar quantitative problems and communicate the solution in a logical and organized manner as evidenced by the ability to:

(a) describe, using appropriate alternative forms including pictorial, graphical, or written descriptions, the known and unknown quantities of a given problem; and

(b) describe, in terms of the relevant numerical and algebraic quantities and equations required to solve the problem, the relevant numerical and algebraic quantities and equations required to solve a given problem mathematically;

(2) use computers to display and analyze experimental and theoretical data as evidenced by the ability to:

(a) describe data graphically using a computer; and

(b) design a mathematical model to provide a reasonable fit to a given set of data;

(3) use mean, standard deviation, chi-squared, linear regression, and correlation to describe and analyze experimental and theoretical data; and

(4) develop a plan to ensure a safe environment and practices in all life science learning activities.

B. A teacher of life science must demonstrate knowledge of biological concepts. The teacher must:

(1) understand structural and functional relationships as evidenced by the ability to:

(a) perform observations to describe the structures of a given common organism;

(b) describe, using words, descriptions of appropriate experimental procedures, and diagrams, the characteristics of what determines life in a given common organism;

(c) predict, using structure-function relationships, the system function from which a given set of plant and animal tissue samples is derived;

(d) describe, using words, diagrams, and pictures, immune system responses that take place in human cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems throughout the progression of a given viral, bacterial, fungal, and parasitic disease; and

(e) design a personal course of action to prevent a given human disease;

(2) understand molecular and cellular life processes as evidenced by the ability to:

(a) perform measurements to describe cellular structures and physiological processes;

(b) describe, using words, chemical formulas and equations, and diagrams, the cellular processes of a given plant or animal cell;

(c) explain, using the structure-function relationship of the chloroplast, conservation of energy, and the fundamental nature of light, how solar energy is transformed during photosynthesis into cellular energy in a given plant cell;

(d) explain, using the structure-function relationship of the mitochondria and molecular energy transformations involving ATP, how energy stored in food molecules is released during cellular respiration in a given cell;

(e) qualitatively predict, using structure-function relationships and relationships between organelles and the cellular environment, the effect of a given natural and applied physical and chemical change in the environment of a cell on photosynthesis and cellular respiration;

(f) design experiments to test the properties of structure-function relationships in photosynthesis or cellular respiration;

(g) explain, using the processes of replication, transcription, and translation, how proteins are synthesized in a cell; and

(h) predict the amino acid sequence of a protein from a given codon sequence;

(3) understand molecular reproduction and heredity as evidenced by the ability to:

(a) perform measurements and statistical analyses to describe the results from a given plant and animal breeding experiment;

(b) describe, using words, pictures, and diagrams, and models, the changes in the visibility, arrangement, and number of chromosomes at each given state of mitosis and meiosis;

(c) explain, using the Laws of Segregation and Independent Assortment, why fertilization and the production of sperm and eggs through meiosis is necessary for species variability;

(d) describe, using words, diagrams, and charts, how a given trait is inherited and expressed;



- (e) explain and predict qualitatively and quantitatively, using rules of probability and heredity, the genotype and phenotype of the offspring of parents with given genotypic traits to include dominant-recessive traits, incomplete and co-dominant traits, polygenic traits, and sex-linked and sex-influenced traits;
  - (f) explain, using the Laws of Segregation and Independent Assortment, how the sex is determined in humans;
  - (g) describe, using words, diagrams, and charts, how a mutation occurs;
  - (h) explain and predict, using the relationship between genes and their expression, the effect an environmental change will have on the expression of a given genetic trait;
  - (i) describe, using words, diagrams, and charts, the process of producing recombinant DNA; and
  - (j) describe, using words, pictures, and diagrams, how genetic technology is used in treatment of human disease and development of agriculture products;
  - (4) understand diversity and biological evolution as evidenced by the ability to:
    - (a) describe in words, pictures, and diagrams the range of physical, behavioral, and biochemical adaptations that can occur in response to environmental stresses for a given species;
    - (b) explain, using the principles of mutation and natural selection, how a specific adaptation of a given species might have developed in response to environmental stresses;
    - (c) describe, using words, diagrams, charts, and statistical relationships, the range of phenotypes of a given species in a given environment;
    - (d) explain and predict, using the principles of mutation, recombination, and natural selection, changes in the range of phenotypes of a species when a given change occurs in the environment of the species;
    - (e) explain, using the principles of mutation, recombination, and natural selection, why certain species are found in the fossil records relatively unchanged while others are not and others are extinct;
    - (f) explain and predict, using the evolutionary tree, morphological variations between two or more given species; and
    - (g) explain the variations in morphological characteristics and DNA composition of two or more given species;
  - (5) understand the interdependence among living things as evidenced by the ability to:
    - (a) perform measurements and statistical analyses to describe results of a study investigating the relationship between a given common organism and its environment;
    - (b) perform measurements and statistical analyses to describe the diversity and number of species in a given ecosystem;
    - (c) describe, using words, pictures, and diagrams, the cycling of a given substance among living and nonliving components of the biosphere;
    - (d) describe, using words, pictures, diagrams, and simple mathematical relationships, the cycling of matter and the flow of energy both within a given system, and between the system and the biosphere;
    - (e) explain, using the relationships between biotic and abiotic components of that system, why the population size and diversity of species is different between two different niches, habitats, ecosystems, or biomes;
    - (f) explain and predict, using population growth dynamics and interspecific and intraspecific interactions, changes in population size of organisms in an ecosystem for a given change in the biotic and abiotic components of the ecosystem; and
    - (g) design an experiment to investigate relationships within and among species in a simple ecosystem; and
  - (6) understand behavior of organisms as evidenced by the ability to:
    - (a) perform measurements and statistical analyses to describe the physical behavior of animals in a given natural and perturbed situation;
    - (b) describe, using words, pictures, and diagrams, behaviors of a given animal that allow it to interact with organisms of its own and other species and to respond to environmental changes;
    - (c) explain and predict, in terms of the principles of animal communication and adaptation, the behavioral responses of an animal to a given set of interactions or environmental changes; and
    - (d) explain behavioral responses of a given animal in terms of natural selection.
- C. A teacher of life science must demonstrate an advanced conceptual understanding of life science and the ability to apply its fundamental principles, laws, and concepts by completing a full research experience. The teacher must:
- (1) identify various options for a research experience including independent study projects, participation in research with an academic or industry scientist, directed study, internship, or field study;
  - (2) select an option and complete a research experience that includes conducting a literature search on a problem;
  - (3) design and carry out an investigation;
  - (4) identify modes for presenting the research project; and
  - (5) present the research project in the selected mode.

Minn. R. 8710.4750

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** A minimum of a four-week student teaching experience

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

**Board/Agency Website** <https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/requirements/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** M.S.A. § 122A.092;

Minnesota Rules, part 8710.0313

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Minnesota

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/5/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Mississippi

**License Title** Five Year Educator License, Biology Education (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

Licensure Preparation and Other Programs Completed Outside the State of Mississippi

Prospective and practicing educators seeking to obtain initial licensure in the state of Mississippi by way of completion of a traditional state approved or nationally accredited licensure-track teacher, administrator, certain supplemental service provider, and supplemental endorsement preparation program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher education outside of Mississippi, shall first obtain Institutional Program Verification (IPV) from the educator preparation provider in the state where the preparation occurred. Upon obtaining Institutional Program Verification (IPV) using the form established by the MDE Division of Educator Licensure, the candidate shall submit an application with required supporting documentation to the MDE Division of Educator Licensure for the purpose of determining eligibility to obtain a Mississippi license via guidelines in effect on the date the complete application is received by the MDE. Educators that complete a nontraditional licensure-track program outside of Mississippi shall first be licensed in another state and seek to obtain a Mississippi license via Reciprocity guidelines in effect on the date the complete application and required supporting documentation is received by the MDE.

CMSR 07-000-004

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Mississippi Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.mdek12.org/OEL>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 7 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, R. 14.9;

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/5/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Missouri

**License Title** Initial Teacher Certificate, Secondary Education-Biology (9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/become-certified-teacher#holdoutofstatecertificate>

An applicant who completed a teacher education program in another state and who possesses a valid professional certificate in that state may be granted a Missouri certificate in an area most closely aligned to the certification if Missouri issues such certificate. If an educator is completing or has completed a teacher education program in another state (either on campus or online), it would be beneficial to obtain that state's certificate whether one plans to reside in that state or not. In most cases, a Missouri certificate is issued with no further coursework or test requirements. If an area of certification is not equivalent, an educator may be evaluated based upon Missouri's current requirements for the most closely aligned certificate.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** V.A.M.S. 168.021;

5 MO ADC 20-400

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Missouri

**Notes** No. OOS licensure is encouraged but not required to qualify.

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/out-state-information>

As noted within the checklist, if your out-of-state professional certificates have expired, or if you never held an out-of-state certificate, you must provide an institutional recommendation from the certification officer at the college or university where you completed your initial teacher education program. The recommendation form can be downloaded by clicking on the appropriate button when completing the online Non-Missouri Graduate Application. The form should be mailed back to you to be included in your packet. Educator Certification will evaluate your transcripts based on current Missouri requirements and does not guarantee immediate issuance of a Missouri certificate. All evaluations will be posted at the Certificate Status link located on your Profile Page in the Educator Certification System.

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Montana

**License Title** Standard Teacher License, Biology (5-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure/Educator-Licenses#9389210445-class-2-standard-teaching-license>

#### 10.57.410 CLASS 2 STANDARD TEACHER'S LICENSE

(3) To obtain a Class 2 standard teacher's license an applicant must submit verification of all of the following:

(a) a bachelor's or master's degree from an institutionally accredited college or university, or a completed evaluation of foreign transcripts that demonstrates equivalency to a bachelor's degree through a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) agency;

(b) completion of an approved educator preparation program including appropriate supervised teaching experience as the terms are defined in ARM 10.57.102 with a recommendation for the license requested from the appropriate official from the educator preparation program;

(c) qualification for one or more endorsement as outlined in ARM 10.57.412; or

(d) verified completion of the online course "An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana"; and

(e) proof of:

(i) a minimum passing score on the PRAXIS Subject Assessment applicable to the requested endorsement as established by the Office of Public Instruction and approved by the Board of Public Education; or

(ii) a passing score on a student-teaching portfolio as defined in ARM 10.57.102 and verified by the appropriate official from the educator preparation program; or

(iii) a 3.00 or higher course work grade point average (GPA) as defined in ARM 10.57.102 and verified by the appropriate official from the educator preparation program; or

(iv) verified completion of an educator preparation program, a current standard, unrestricted out-of-state educator license, and two years of successful teaching experience as defined in ARM 10.57.102 as documented by a recommendation from the out-of-state P-12 school employer on a form prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

ARM 10.57.410

#### **Supervised Experience (In-Program)** 10.57.102 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this chapter.

(1) "Acceptable evidence" means relevant official transcripts, university recommendation, certificates of completion, and other documentation as required by the Board of Public Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(16) "Supervised teaching experience" means teaching experience while under the supervision of an approved educator preparation program and is identified through acceptable evidence as delineated in ARM 10.57.102(1) as field experience, internship, practicum, or student teaching.

ARM 10.57.102

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Montana Office of Public Instruction

**Board/Agency Website** <https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** MCA 20-4-104

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Completion and verification of the free, online course: An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

#### **Notes** 10.57.412 CLASS 1 AND 2 ENDORSEMENTS

(1) Subject field endorsement must be in areas approved for endorsement by the Board of Public Education.

(2) Areas approved for endorsement on Class 1 and 2 licenses include the following: agriculture, art K-12, biology, business education, chemistry, communication, computer science, early childhood (P-3), earth science, economics, elementary education (K-8), English, English as a second language K-12, family and consumer sciences, geography, health, health and physical education K-12, history, industrial trades and technology education, journalism, library K-12, mathematics, music K-12, physical education K-12, physics, political science, psychology, reading K-12, science (broadfield), social studies (broadfield), sociology, special education P-12, special education P-12 hearing impairment, special education P-12 vision impairment, theater, traffic education, and world languages K-12.

(3) As appropriate, grade level endorsements may be issued as consistent with the educator preparation program completed by the applicant.

(4) Permissive special competencies or endorsements identified on an educator license, but no longer offered, may be retained as long as the licensee continues to renew the license.

(5) To obtain an early childhood (P-3), elementary (K-8), middle grades (4-8 content-specific), secondary (5-12 content-specific), K-12, or P-12 (special education) endorsement, an applicant must provide verification of completion of an approved educator preparation program at the grade level(s) identified by the program, including supervised teaching experience or a waiver of this requirement if the applicant has previously had supervised teaching experience.

(6) Applicant must submit a recommendation for any endorsement requested from the appropriate official from an approved educator preparation.

(7) Applicants who have completed an approved educator preparation programs outside of Montana and hold endorsements in specific disability areas (for example, early childhood special education, autism, hearing impaired) may qualify for a special education P-12 endorsement in hearing and vision upon verification of program completion and proof of a minimum passing score on the PRAXIS Subject Assessment applicable to the special education endorsement.

(8) Applicants with graduate degrees in an endorsable area may use experience instructing in relevant college or university courses as credit in that endorsement area for licensure.

ARM 10.57.412

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**State/Territory** Nebraska

**License Title** Initial Teaching Certificate, Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** From website <https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/out-of-state-certification/reciprocity-information/> Nebraska does not have full reciprocity with other states, but we do recognize approved teacher preparation programs from other states. The coursework needs to appear on an official transcript from a standard institution of higher education, which is defined as any college or university whose educator preparation program is fully approved by the board or comparable agency in any other state or country.

AND

Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 92, Ch. 21, § 002 - 002. Definitions. 002.03 Approved program means a teacher education or educator preparation program approved pursuant to 92 NAC 20, approved in another state or country pursuant to standards which are comparable and equivalent to 92 NAC 20, or a program capable of meeting such standards;

Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 92, Ch. 24, § 006

006.10C Persons with this endorsement may teach any biology course in grades 7 through 12.

006.10D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in biology and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities will be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** SOURCE: Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 92, Ch. 20, § 005 - Applies to all initial licenses, IN PROGRAM:

005.03 Field Experience Coursework. The institution shall require practicum and clinical experiences that provide candidates opportunities to work with students and school partners to develop knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions. When viewed as a whole, field experiences are central to candidate preparation and shall provide opportunities to work with diverse students which may include, but is not limited to, differences based on ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, gender, exceptionalities, and language.

005.03A Initial Program Field Experience. These experiences shall range from candidate interaction with students to assuming responsibility for instructional planning and implementation, and assessment of student learning.

005.03A1 Practicum experience consists of a minimum of one hundred (100) clock hours of contact with students. Field-based practicum experiences are completed prior to clinical practice and provide opportunities for candidates to observe, assist, tutor, instruct, or conduct research. Practicum experiences may occur in settings such as school systems, or other settings serving students.

005.03A2 Clinical Practice. The institution shall require a clinical practice experience for initial teacher certification in which candidates demonstrate knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions by assuming responsibility for whole class instruction in the area of the endorsement and within the grade level for which they are preparing.

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Nebraska Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 92, Ch. 24, § 006

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Human Relations Training and Special Education Training

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**State/Territory** Nevada

**License Title** Standard Teacher License or Non-Renewable/Provisional (if testing or coursework deficiencies), Secondary-Biological Science (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

391.052. Criteria for approval of standards for licensing teachers of another state; credit for previous teaching service.

1. The Commission will approve the standards for licensing teachers of another state or foreign country for the purposes of subsection 2 of NRS 391.167 if:

(a) The state or foreign country in which the teacher earned the previous teaching service is a signatory with this State on the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement; or

(b) The Department has determined that the state or foreign country in which the teacher earned the previous teaching service has standards for licensing a teacher that are similar to the standards for licensing a teacher in this State.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** State of Nevada Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** [https://doe.nv.gov/Educator\\_Licensure/](https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/)

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** NAC 391.052

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (PIFE) course work

You can view a list of approved courses on by going to the Nevada Department of Education Family Engagement Approved Courses page. We DO NOT accept any other courses which are not on the course matrix.

Special Education course work

Three (3) semester credits in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities. If you are applying for a Special Education license, an additional course is not required.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>



**State/Territory** New Hampshire

**License Title** Initial Certification, Life Science (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 507.30

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements for certification under Ed 507.28 for science teacher for grades 5-8, Ed 507.30 for earth and space science teacher, Ed 507.31 for life sciences teacher, Ed 507.32 for chemistry teacher, Ed 507.33 for physics teacher, or Ed 507.51 for physical science teacher for grades 7-12, a science teacher shall have the qualifications listed in (d) and (e) below.

(d) In the area of instructional performance, the candidate shall demonstrate:

(1) Proficiency in the use of scientific methods as demonstrated by the ability to:

a. Integrate the science practices throughout lessons by:

1. Asking questions for science and defining problems for engineering;
2. Developing and using models;
3. Planning and carrying out investigations;
4. Analyzing and interpreting data;
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking;
6. Constructing explanations for science and designing solutions for engineering;
7. Engaging in argument from evidence; and
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information;

b. Design and teach grade level appropriate laboratory activities incorporating scientific processes, promoting scientific habits of mind, and meeting needs of diverse learners;

c. Use scientific drawings, diagrams, data tables, models, and graphing essential to science investigations and expression of ideas;

d. Design learning activities fostering questioning, open-ended investigations, the development of cooperative group skills, and promoting practice in decision making and problem solving;

e. Use methods of teaching reading, writing, communication, and study skills essential to the effective mastery of grade level science content;

f. Design activities and investigations integrating appropriate quantitative literacy skills and concepts; and

g. Organize, present, and evaluate science ideas in a manner emphasizing conceptual understanding of phenomena and optimizing learning experiences for students of all ability levels and learning styles; and

(2) Scientific content knowledge that enables the integration of the common themes exhibited in all of the sciences into teaching and course design including:

- a. Systems and system models;
- b. Energy and matter;
- c. Cause and effect;
- d. Scale, proportion, and quantity;
- e. Patterns of change, including constancy or stability;
- f. Structure and function;
- g. Stability, change, and evolution; and
- h. Nature of science and inquiry;

(3) The ability to make connections that:

a. Establish relationships among all sciences and reflect the role of science systems in science literacy;

b. Relate the sciences to technological issues that influence society and the ethical and moral consequences of decisions related to those issues; and

c. Integrate knowledge from the history and philosophy of science into science instruction;

(4) Knowledge of field and laboratory safety and emergency procedures, including responsibilities of science teachers for:

a. The welfare of their students and care for organisms as appropriate to the area of study using the "Position Statement on the Responsible Use of Live Animals and Dissection in the Science Classroom", March 2008, available as specified in Appendix II; and

b. The proper maintenance, storage and disposal of laboratory materials or chemicals using the Globally Harmonized System for Hazard Communication of 2007 available as specified in Appendix II;

(5) Knowledge and skills to integrate technological tools for learning, analysis and reporting, including, but not limited to:

- a. Skills to plan, design, deliver, and incorporate active learning and collaboration;
- b. Collect and analyze data using information technology; and
- c. Communicate information effectively;

(6) Knowledge and skills of computing and computational thinking as it relates to science, including, but not limited to:

- a. Visualizations of scientific concepts; and
- b. Modeling and simulating engineering design to communicate science understanding; and

(7) Ability to practice good digital citizenship and model safe, ethical, and legal practice with digital tools and resources.

(e) The candidate shall demonstrate knowledge of the organizations, agencies, and journals that contribute to the professional growth of the science teacher.

N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 507.32

(c) A candidate for certification as a life science educator for grades 7-12 shall have skills, competencies, and knowledge in the following areas:

(1) In the area of fundamental content knowledge, the candidate shall have the ability to:

a. Explain concepts, solve problems, use models, and perform both field and laboratory experiences in the following fundamental



areas of life science:

1. Structure and functions, from molecules to organisms, as follows:

- (i) Evidence for structure of DNA determining structure of proteins;
- (ii) Hierarchical organization of interacting systems; and
- (iii) Feedback mechanisms that ensure homeostasis, including, but not limited to human systems;

2. Inheritance and variation of traits as follows:

- (i) Role of mitosis to maintain complex organisms;
- (ii) Role of DNA and chromosomes in coding instructions that are passed through generations;
- (iii) New genetic combinations are a result of meiosis and mutations; and
- (iv) Statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits;

3. Matter and energy in organisms and ecosystems as follows:

- (i) Role of photosynthesis, respiration, and fermentation in the needs of organisms as well as in the cycling of carbon in the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere;
- (ii) Carbon based molecules form the basis for life;
- (iii) Explain the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions; and
- (iv) Cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms and ecosystems;

4. Interdependent relationships in ecosystems; and

5. Natural selection and evolution;

b. Apply mathematical modeling, statistical concepts, and manipulation of variables as they apply to life science; and

c. Explain and solve problems in life science, incorporating the fundamental concepts of chemistry, physics, and earth space science, including basic concepts and laboratory techniques.

Credits

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Supervised practical experience

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** New Hampshire Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 507

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** New Jersey

**License Title** Instructional Certificate of Eligibility, Biological Science (K-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

**Cumulative GPA Requirement**

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved postbaccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.
- Please note that there are GPA Flexibility Rules where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

**Subject Matter Preparation**

- For certification as a Biology teacher, current regulations require that applicants complete a minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of Biology. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level). Examples of courses accepted for Biology include biology, botany, anatomy and physiology, zoology, and veterinary medicine. Related courses may be accepted depending on the course description/content. Please provide a course description if a course is not taken from the Biology Department. Courses in pedagogy/education are not accepted towards the subject matter preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the Biology subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Supervised clinical practice

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** State of New Jersey Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.nj.gov/education/license/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-9

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

- This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:

- 1.) Present evidence of basic military training
- 2.) Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript
- 3.) Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file to take this test. Once completed, please email us at [Licensing.Requests@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Licensing.Requests@doe.nj.gov) stating that the test has been taken. You will need to include your name and tracking number in the email.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

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**State/Territory** New Mexico

**License Title** Initial Teaching License, Secondary Science (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/licensure-requirements/secondary-7-12/>

Official sealed transcripts reflecting completion of a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and  
24 semester hours of Secondary education course work, 12 semester hours of which must be in upper division courses, to include student teaching; and

24 semester hours in teaching field such as language arts, social studies, math, etc; and

3 semester hours in teaching reading for those who first entered any college or university on or after August 1, 2001

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/endorsements-how-to-add-a-license/science/>

24-36 semester hours of credit in science; if adding to a secondary license, 12 of the hours must be upper division credit;

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** No less than sixteen weeks of student teaching

§ 22-10A-6. Educational requirements for licensure

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** New Mexico Public Education Department

**Board/Agency Website** <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N. M. S. A. 1978, § 22-10A;

N.M. Admin. Code 6.60

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** New York

**License Title** Conditional Initial (1 year) (if hold out-of-state license, edTPA not required) or Initial, Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

8 NYCRR 80-5.8

(b) Recognition of substantially equivalent teacher education programs for service as a teacher in the classroom teaching service.

(1) The commissioner may recognize and issue an initial certificate to an out-of-state candidate who completes a teacher education program at an institution of higher education that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education or a higher education institution that the commissioner deems substantially equivalent from another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia that leads to certification in the title and type of certificate sought, or similar certificate title and type, in the jurisdiction where the higher education institution is located if the candidate also meets the following requirements:

(i) General Requirements. The candidate shall meet the general requirements for certificates prescribed in Subpart 80-1 of this Part, including but not limited to the requirements of section 80-1.3 relating to citizenship, section 80-1.4 relating to study in child abuse identification and reporting, and school violence prevention and intervention; section 80-1.13 relating to coursework or training in harassment, bullying and discrimination prevention and intervention; and section 80-1.1 relating to a criminal history check.

(ii) Degree. The candidate holds a baccalaureate or higher degree from a institution that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education or a higher education institution that the commissioner deems substantially equivalent. Candidates shall have achieved a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, or its equivalent, in the program leading to the degree.

(iii) Examination. The candidate shall receive a satisfactory passing score on all examinations required for the title and type of certificate sought in this State.

(2) A candidate who meets the requirements for recognition of an out-of-state teacher education program in paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall be issued an initial certificate as a teacher in the classroom teaching service pursuant to the requirements of this Part.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** New York Office of Teaching Initiatives

**Board/Agency Website** <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 8 NYCRR 80-5

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Required workshops:

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

School Violence Prevention and Intervention

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** New York

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** North Carolina

**License Title** Initial Professional Educator License, Biology (9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-270.20

(a) Teacher Licenses. —The State Board shall adopt rules for the issuance of the following classes of teacher licenses, including required levels of preparation for each classification:

(3) Initial professional license or IPL. —A three-year nonrenewable license issued to an individual who has successfully completed a recognized educator preparation program and meets other requirements established by the State Board.

16 N.C.A.C. 6C.0340

In addition to the requirements set forth in G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(3), to be issued an Initial Professional License (IPL), an applicant shall submit the following information:

(1) official degree dated transcripts;

(2) recommendation by the EPP or approval by the SBE; and

(3) any applicable valid and current out-of-state educator license.

From <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure/forms-and-faqs>

Out-of-State Educators

3. How do I transfer my license from another state to North Carolina?

Begin the Process for an Educator's License.

North Carolina recognizes approved EPPs from all states

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N.C.G.S.A. § 115C-270;

16 NCAC 6C.0300

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 3/6/2025

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** North Dakota

**License Title** Out-of-State Reciprocal or Other State Educator, Biology (5-12 or 9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Non-licensed out-of-state graduates must meet ND standards.

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

<https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/license-information/license-faqs>

**Q:** How do I get a ND teaching license if I earned a degree in education outside of ND?

**A:** We encourage anyone who completed teaching degree outside of ND to get a teaching license in the state where your degree was earned. This would enable you to then apply for an Other State Educator License (OSEL) and not have to meet ND standards (as you met the standards in the state the degree was earned.) If you are not able to get a teaching license in the state your degree was earned, then you will need to apply for an Out of State Reciprocal License and you will need to meet ND standards. A license can be issued and you could have up to 4 years to meet ND requirements. .

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** NDCC 15.1-13

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No - applicants who graduated from an out-of-state program are encouraged to obtain license in their school's state, but not required. Non-licensed out-of-state graduates must meet ND standards. See <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/license-information/license-faqs>

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Senate Bill 2048 mandates a mental health competency course for all initial licenses. Those graduating from a ND institution have this built into their preparation program. If you graduated outside of ND and have not met this requirement, it may be met by completing mental health professional development provided by a school district or other mental health agency. The requirement may also be met by completing a course in youth mental health offered through UND.

After completing this course please submit a letter from the school district documenting the professional development or an unofficial transcript from UND.

NDAC 67.1-02-02-07

Coursework in Native American studies, cultural diversity, strategies for creating learning environments that contribute to positive human relationships, and strategies for teaching and assessing diverse learners (e.g., universal design for learning, response to intervention, early intervention, positive behavior interventions and supports) is required.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Northern Mariana Islands  
**License Title** Initial Educator, Basic I, Secondary Education-Biology (9-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement  
**Board/Agency Name** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Board of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.cnmipss.org/state-boe-certification>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** TITLE 60: BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUBCHAPTER 60-30.2 EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL REGULATIONS (2023)  
  
<https://cnmilaw.org/pdf/admincode/T60/T60-30.2.pdf>  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** To advance to Basic II need:  
Multicultural Education/Teaching Linguistically Diverse Students  
Teaching Reading  
Inclusive Practice for Students with Learning Disability  
Instructional Strategies/Classroom Management  
Internship or Mentoring Program  
Computer Technology  
  
To advance to Standard certificate need:  
Secondary Education Endorsement (for Junior and Senior High School Teachers)  
  
Instructional Technology  
NMI History/Pacific Institute  
Reading Diagnostic  
Tests and Measurements  
Methods in Content Area  
Three (3) Courses in Content Area (9 credits)  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)**  
**Exam(s) Required** Praxis  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>



**State/Territory** Ohio

**License Title** Two Year Resident Educator, Life Sciences (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

3302-24-18 Resident educator license

(A) The two year resident educator license shall be issued in the areas specified in paragraph (D) of this rule and shall require the license holder to successfully complete the Ohio resident educator program in order to qualify for the professional educator license in the same area(s). The resident educator license shall be issued to an individual who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, who has successfully completed an approved program of teacher preparation, who is deemed to be of good moral character, who has successfully completed an examination prescribed by the state board of education, who has demonstrated skill in integrating educational technology in the instruction of children, who is prepared to implement evidence-based instructional strategies addressing individual learner differences and employ practices that address the diversity of students' cultures, language origins, and communities, who has been recommended by the dean or head of teacher education at an institution approved to prepare teachers, and who has completed:

(1) A minimum of twelve semester hours in the teaching of reading, as required in section 3319.24 of the Revised Code, including at least one separate three semester hour course in the teaching of phonics, and coursework on knowledge and beliefs about reading; knowledge base; individual differences; reading difficulties; creating a literate environment; word identification, vocabulary, and spelling; comprehension; study strategies; writing; assessment; communicating information about reading; curriculum development; professional development; research; supervision of paraprofessionals; and professionalism for the early childhood resident educator license, the middle childhood resident educator license, the intervention specialist resident educator license; and the early childhood intervention specialist resident educator license; and

(2) A minimum of three semester hours on the teaching of reading in the content area that includes instruction in organizing instruction, use of protocols for oral language development, strategies for word skill development, strategies for reading comprehension, and assessment strategies for instructional purposes for the multi-age resident educator license, the adolescence to young adult resident educator license, and the career-technical resident educator license.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Ohio Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** OAC 3301-24;

R.C. § 3319

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Ohio

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Oklahoma

**License Title** Standard Teaching Certificate, Science: Biological Sciences (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

<https://sde.ok.gov/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#otherstate>

If you have completed an approved program from another state and did not get certified in that area, please have this form filled out by the proper officials. If Oklahoma has a comparable certification area you may be able to obtain the equivalent Oklahoma certification area by passing the appropriate Oklahoma examination(s).

210:20-9-91. Application for new certificates:

(2) Graduates of out-of-state colleges and universities. The application process for graduates of out-of-state colleges and universities is as follows:

(A) The applicant will submit the following items to the State Department of Education as part of the application process:

(i) the completed application form

(ii) official up-to-date transcripts of all college course work

(iii) documentation the applicant has completed an accredited teacher preparation program

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Oklahoma State Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Okla. Admin. Code 210:20-9

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Oklahoma

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Oregon

**License Title** Preliminary Teaching or Reciprocal Teaching (if OR exam requirements are not fulfilled), Biology (PreK-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate where program is approved meet educational requirements.

584-210-0060. Reciprocal Teaching License

(4) Out-of-State teacher preparation program completers: If an applicant completes a teacher preparation program in another state, the applicant must first obtain a valid and active non-provisional teaching license in that state or another NASDTEC jurisdiction in order to qualify for the Oregon Reciprocal Teaching License.

<https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/Reciprocal%20Teaching%20License%20.pdf>

The Reciprocal Teaching License is issued to teachers who have completed an educator preparation program and hold an active and valid non-provisional teaching license from another state. The purpose of the Reciprocal Teaching License is to allow an out-of-state licensed teacher to transition into the Oregon licensure system based on the credentials they earned in the other jurisdiction while they work on any missing Oregon requirements. At the end of the one-year Reciprocal term, the teacher must meet the requirements of the Oregon Preliminary Teaching License or another non-provisional Oregon license. The Reciprocal Teaching License is valid for full-time teaching and substitute teaching.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/index.aspx>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** OAR 584-200

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Oregon

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Pennsylvania

**License Title** Instructional Certificate, Science-Biology (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No, if state/territory is party to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates from NASDTEC states meet educational requirements.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/OutOfState/Pages/Completed-Approved-Preparation-Program-Outside-of-Pennsylvania.aspx>

Completed Approved Preparation Program Outside of PA

Verify that your state is part of the National Association Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate AgreementOpens In A New Window. If your state is not a party to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement, your certification program will be evaluated against PA certification program guidelines.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Pennsylvania Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 24 P.S. § 12-1206; 22 Pa. Code § 49.171

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No, if state/territory is party to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Puerto Rico  
**License Title** Teacher Certificate, Secondary: Biology (7-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.  
 § 264 Certification of teachers-General qualifications of candidates  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** No  
**Board/Agency Name** Puerto Rico Department of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://de.pr.gov/>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 18 L.P.R.A. § 260;  
 P.R. Regs. DE Reg. 7643  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found  
**Exam(s) Required** None found  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Republic of Palau  
**License Title** None found  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** N/A  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** N/A  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** N/A  
**Specific Coursework** N/A  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** N/A  
**Board/Agency Name** Republic of Palau Ministry of Education Division of Instructional Implementation and Teacher Training  
**Board/Agency Website** <http://moe.epsolutions.pw/>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N/A  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** N/A  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** N/A  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** N/A  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** N/A  
**Exam(s) Required** N/A  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Republic of the Marshall Islands  
**License Title** None found  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** N/A  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** N/A  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** N/A  
**Specific Coursework** N/A  
**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** N/A  
**Board/Agency Name** Marshall Islands Public School System  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://pss.edu.mh/>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** N/A  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** N/A  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** N/A  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** N/A  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** N/A  
**Exam(s) Required** N/A  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Rhode Island  
**License Title** Initial Certificate, Biology (7-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

20-20-1.7. Initial Routes to Full Certification  
 A. Prospective Educators earn full certification through:...

2. Reciprocity based on completion of an approved educator preparation program in another state within the last five (5) years or holding comparable certification in another state;

<https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/how-get-certified>:  
 Reciprocity allows individuals who completed a state-approved out-of-state preparation program or who hold valid full out-of-state certificates to pursue RI certification where similar certificate areas exist. Preparation programs must lead to comparable RI certificates. Individuals pursuing this pathway should review the testing requirements.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement  
**Board/Agency Name** Rhode Island Department of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/EducatorCertification.aspx>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 200-RICR- 20-20  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found  
**Exam(s) Required** Praxis  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** South Carolina  
**License Title** Initial Educator Certificate, Biology (9-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No  
**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

<https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/program/>  
 Educators that have completed a traditional, approved preparation program through a regionally accredited institution of higher education (IHE) may apply for an Initial certificate through completion of South Carolina's required content knowledge and pedagogy knowledge assessments. In order for an educator preparation program to be used to obtain a first time certificate or to add a field to an existing certificate, the program must:  
 Be completed at a regionally accredited Institution of Higher Education (IHE);  
 Be approved either by that state's licensing authority or by NCATE/CAEP;  
 Be approved for certification by the Department of Education in the state in which the program provider is located; and  
 Include a sufficient student teaching or internship component.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found  
**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement  
**Board/Agency Name** South Carolina Department of Education  
**Board/Agency Website** <https://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/>  
**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** S.C. Code of Regulations R. 43  
**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No  
**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No  
**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found  
**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found  
**Exam(s) Required** Praxis  
**Notes** None  
**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024  
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**State/Territory** South Dakota

**License Title** Initial Certificate, Secondary Advanced Biology (5-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

24:28:16:01. Eligibility for reciprocity based on completion of approved program

The secretary may issue an educator certificate to the applicant for reciprocal certification who has:

- (1) Completed a program approved for educator certification that included student teaching, field experience, or an internship;
- (2) Received a teacher, administrator, or educator specialist license or certificate in another U.S. state or territory that is equivalent to an educator certificate issued by the secretary, meets all of the requirements of that state for full certification, and is not a temporary, emergency, substitute, or provisional certificate; and
- (3) Provided verification from the licensing state that there are no prior or pending disciplinary actions against the applicant for actual or alleged ethics violations.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** No

**Board/Agency Name** South Dakota Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://doe.sd.gov/certification/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** ARSD 24:28

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** South Dakota Indian Studies (SDIS) Course.

If you are a teacher and/or administrator and have not completed and approved SD Indian Studies course, you may be issued a one-year provisional certificate.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**State/Territory** Tennessee

**License Title** Practitioner License, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates from a state that is a partner in the NASDTEC Interstate agreement meet educational requirements

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(2) Prospective educators from a state other than Tennessee that is a partner in the NASDTEC interstate agreement and who are seeking a practitioner teacher license shall meet the requirements of one (1) of the following pathways:

(a) Out-of-State Pathway 1. The out-of-state prospective educator:

1. Holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
2. Has completed an educator preparation program approved by a state other than Tennessee;
3. Is recommended by the approved educator preparation provider; and
4. Submits qualifying scores on all required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Tennessee Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing.html>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0520-02

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**State/Territory** Texas

**License Title** Out-of-State One Year Certificate (to complete exams) or Standard Certificate (if exams satisfied), Life/Earth Science or Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/out-of-state-certification/out-of-state-certified-educators>

6. What if I have a master's or doctorate degree, or completed an out-of-state program, but do not have a teaching certificate?

Without a standard teaching certificate, you are not eligible for a review of credentials. We do not review transcripts, degree level or completion of program coursework. You will be required to go through a Texas Educator Preparation Program.

Sec. 21.052. Certification of Educators from Outside the State.

(a)The board may issue a certificate to an educator who applies for a certificate and:

(1)holds:

(A)a degree issued by an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a nationally recognized accreditation board; or

(B)a degree issued by an institution located in a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described by Paragraph (A);

(2)holds an appropriate certificate or other credential issued by another state or country; and

(3)performs satisfactorily on:

(A)the examination prescribed under Section 21.048; or

(B)if the educator holds a certificate or other credential issued by another state or country, an examination similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Texas Education Agency

**Board/Agency Website** <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 19 TAC § 230;

V.T.C.A., Education Code § 21

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Texas

**Notes** None

**Last Reviewed Date** 9/30/2024

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**State/Territory** U.S. Virgin Islands  
**License Title** Standard Certificate, Secondary Science, Biology (7-12)  
**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No  
**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No  
**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes  
**Specific Coursework** No subject area-specific requirements are available.

From website: <https://www.myviboe.com/certifications>

How to Qualify for Certification

For initial certification in the U.S. Virgin Islands, all candidates must:

Earn a baccalaureate degree.

Submit appropriate applications.

Submit official transcripts from all accredited institutions.

Demonstrate proof of U.S. citizenship, permanent residency or other approved work status.

Complete a course in U.S. Virgin Islands history within the first year of employment.

Pass the Praxis® tests for their certification area.

According to the U.S. Virgin Island's Board of Education's Certification document, there are also general course requirements for any person who would like to teach in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Elementary school teachers need 36 education credits, and secondary school teachers need 26 education credits.

The areas are:

1. Foundations of Education. (This group includes areas such as philosophy of Education, school effectiveness, history of education, and comparative education);
2. Educational Psychology (This group includes such areas as growth and development of children from birth through life span, psychology of learning, child-adolescent psychology and mental hygiene);
3. Curriculum and Methods (This group includes a minimum of [18 for elementary, 8 for secondary] semester hours of credit in teaching language arts, reading, mathematics, fine arts, science, social studies, and effective teaching skills, classroom management, measurement and evaluation);
4. Educational Technology;
5. Special Education;
6. Student Teaching (supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible teaching in an elementary school, totaling at least 6 but not more than 12 semester hours of credit). Teachers who have taught in the Virgin Islands public school system with satisfactory or better evaluations for five consecutive years do not have to complete a student teaching course. This applies only to teachers hired in 1997 or before.

All teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, and secondary school teacher applicants must possess a minimum of a college major and/or 30 credits in a content area. Secondary school applicants with less than 30 credits in their content area, but more than 15 credits in that area, can take the Praxis II exam in that subject area to show content area competency.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Student Teaching (supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible teaching in an elementary school, totaling at least 6 but not more than 12 semester hours of credit)

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** No

**Board/Agency Name** U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.vide.vi/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 17 V.I.C. § 122;

17 V.I. R. & Regs. § 121-1

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Complete a course in U.S. Virgin Islands history within the first year of employment.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**State/Territory** Utah

**License Title** Professional License, Secondary, Biology (9-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates who hold license/certificate from state/territory where program is approved meet educational requirements.

<https://www.schools.utah.gov/licensing/pathways> (see pathways to a Utah Educator)

Please note that university-based education preparation programs completed through universities outside of Utah will require that the individual obtain their license in state where the university resides, then apply to Utah through the License Equivalency Review (LER).

R277-301-5. Professional Educator License Requirements.

(1)The Superintendent shall issue a professional educator license to an individual that applies for the license and meets all requirements in this Section R277-301-5.

(2)A professional educator license, license area, or endorsement is valid until June 30 of the fifth school year after the Superintendent issues or renews the license.

(3)The general requirements for a professional educator license shall include:

(a)all general requirements for an associate educator license under Subsection R277-301-5(4);

(b)completion of:

(i)a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution; or

(ii)skill certification in a specific CTE area as established by the Superintendent;

(c)for an individual with an early childhood, elementary, or special education license area of concentration, completion of a literacy preparation assessment;

(d)for an individual with a pre-school special education license area of concentration, demonstration of emergent literacy competencies, as defined by the Superintendent; and

(e)one of the following:

(i)a recommendation from a Board-approved educator preparation program; or

(ii)a standard educator license in the area issued by a licensing jurisdiction outside of Utah that is currently valid or is renewable consistent with Section 53E-6-307.

U.A.C. R277-301-5

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Utah State Board of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.schools.utah.gov/licensing>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** U.A.C. R277-301

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** Yes

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**State/Territory** Vermont

**License Title** Professional Educator License, Science (7-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes, if graduate does not first earn out-of-state license

**Specific Coursework** 5440-13 Science

The holder is authorized to teach science in grades 7-12.

## 1. The Learner and Learning

### 1.1. Learning Environments

Effective science Educators are able to plan for engaging all students in science learning by setting appropriate goals that are consistent with knowledge of how students learn science and are aligned with Vermont state science standards. Instructional plans reflect the nature of science and three-dimensional learning that integrates Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts. Instructional plans reflect the nature and social context of science, and inquiry. Educators design and select learning activities, instructional settings, and resources--including science-specific technology--to achieve those goals.

1.1.1. Educators use a variety of instructional strategies that demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how to select the appropriate teaching and learning activities -- including laboratory or field settings and applicable instruments and/or technology--to allow all students to learn. These strategies are inclusive and motivating for all students.

1.1.2. Educators create a knowledge-building culture that encourages intellectual risk-taking and provides a safe environment for students to propose solutions and explore the accuracy of their explanations.

1.1.3. Educators develop learning opportunities where students construct explanations for observed phenomena and find evidence to support these explanations or design solutions to engineering problems.

1.1.4. Educators provide students with equitable opportunities to develop their scientific understandings of the Vermont state science standards.

### 1.2. Physical Safety

Effective science Educators can demonstrate and maintain safety procedures, chemical safety, and the ethical treatment of living organisms.

1.2.1. Design activities that demonstrate the safe and proper techniques for the preparation, storage, dispensing, supervision, and disposal of all instructional materials.

1.2.2. Design and demonstrate activities that show an ability to implement emergency procedures and the maintenance of safety equipment, policies, and procedures that comply with established state and/or national guidelines. Educators ensure safe activities appropriate for the abilities of all students.

1.2.3. Design and demonstrate activities that show ethical decision-making with respect to the treatment of all living organisms in and out of the classroom. They emphasize safe, humane, and ethical treatment of animals and comply with the legal restrictions on the collection, keeping, and use of living organisms.

## 2. Content Knowledge and Skills

2.1. Educators demonstrate understanding of the major concepts, principles, theories, laws, and interrelationships of the major fields of science and the supporting roles of science-specific technology.

### 2.1.1. Physical Science

#### 2.1.1.1. Matter and Its Interactions

#### 2.1.1.2. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

#### 2.1.1.3. Energy and Waves

### 2.1.2. Life Science

#### 2.1.2.1. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

#### 2.1.2.2. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

#### 2.1.2.3. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

#### 2.1.2.4. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

### 2.1.3. Earth & Space Sciences

#### 2.1.3.1. Earth's Place in the Universe

#### 2.1.3.2. Earth's Systems

#### 2.1.3.3. Earth and Human Activity

2.1.4. Engineering Design Process (N.B., This does not refer to engineering content, but an understanding of how to integrate engineering design processes across science disciplines.)

## 3. Instructional Practice

Effective science Educators understand how students learn and develop scientific knowledge. They strive to develop students' deep understanding of core scientific principles rather than a cursory understanding of discrete facts. Educators integrate Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts to develop this knowledge for all students.

### 3.1. Pedagogical Content Knowledge

3.1.1. Educators provide opportunities for students to engage in scientific thinking that involves collecting and interpreting data to evaluate their understandings and develop scientific explanations. Applications of science-specific technology are included in the lessons where appropriate.

3.1.2. Educators create opportunities for students to collaboratively design and implement scientific investigations, present and discuss the results of their investigations, construct explanations, and solve engineering problems.

3.1.3. Educators design instruction and assessment strategies that elicit misconceptions and cause students to confront and question their emergent scientific ideas. Educators leverage student misconceptions to personalize future instruction.

### 3.2. Three-dimensional Learning

3.2.1. Instruction addresses Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts concurrently

around an identified scientific idea or engineering problem.

3.2.2. Educators design learning opportunities where students explore a Disciplinary Core Idea through Science and Engineering Principles and make connections to the Crosscutting Concepts.

### 3.3. Assessment

Effective science Educators:

3.3.1. Plan fair and equitable assessment strategies that integrate three-dimensional learning to analyze student learning and evaluate how the learning goals are met.

3.3.2. Design formative, interim, and summative assessment strategies to continuously evaluate preconceptions and ideas that students hold and how these ideas evolve.

3.3.3. Scaffold student learning to distinguish science from nonscience, understand the evolution and practice of science as a human endeavor, and critically analyze assertions made in the name of science.

4. A major in biology, chemistry, physics, or earth/ environmental/ atmospheric sciences, or the equivalent in undergraduate and/or graduate coursework. For the full endorsement, a candidate must have at least one course that addresses each content knowledge area; a single class could potentially address multiple areas.

5. A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, at the middle/secondary level (7-12) in an endorsement requiring competency with the Core Teaching Standards.

6. Required Testing: Praxis II Subject Assessment: General Science - Test Code 5435. Candidates must achieve a passing score on the General Science test AND one Science subject specific test.

Biology - Test Code 5235

Chemistry - Test Code 5245

Physics - Test Code 5265

Earth Science - Test Code 5571

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, at the middle/secondary level (7-12) in an endorsement requiring competency with the Core Teaching Standards

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** State of Vermont Agency of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Vt. Admin. Code 7-1-13

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Virginia

**License Title** Initial Teacher License, Science-Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** 8 VAC 20-23-470. Science - biology.

Endorsement requirements. The candidate shall have:

1. Earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in biology;
2. Earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and completed a major in biology or 32 semester hours in biology and at least one course in each of the following areas: genetics, biochemistry/molecular biology, cell biology, botany, zoology, anatomy/physiology, ecology, and evolutionary biology and other preparation consistent with the competencies for the endorsement; or
3. Earned an endorsement in another science discipline and completed at least 18 semester hours in biology, including at least one course in each of the following areas: genetics, biochemistry/molecular biology or cell biology, botany, zoology, anatomy/physiology, and evolutionary biology or ecology.

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Professional studies requirements for preK-12, secondary grades 6-12, and adult education endorsements: 18 semester hours.

Professional studies requirements for special education endorsements: 21 semester hours. These requirements may be taught in integrated coursework or modules.

1. Human development and learning (birth through adolescence): 3 semester hours.
  - a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding of the physical, social, emotional, speech and language, and intellectual development of children and the ability to use this understanding in guiding learning experiences and relating meaningfully to students.
  - b. The interaction of children with individual differences - economic, social, racial, ethnic, religious, physical, and cognitive - should be incorporated to include skills contributing to an understanding of developmental disabilities and developmental issues related to, but not limited to, low socioeconomic status; attention deficit disorders; developmental disabilities; gifted education, including the use of multiple criteria to identify gifted students; substance abuse; trauma, including child abuse and neglect and other adverse childhood experiences; and family disruptions.
2. Curriculum and instruction: 3 semester hours.
  - a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding of the principles of learning; the application of skills in discipline-specific methodology; varied and effective methods of communication with and among students; selection and use of materials, including media and contemporary technologies; selection, development, and use of appropriate curricula, methodologies, and materials that support and enhance student learning and reflect the research on unique, age-appropriate, and culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy.
  - b. Understanding of the principles of online learning and online instructional strategies and the application of skills to deliver online instruction shall be included.
  - c. Instructional practices that are sensitive to culturally and linguistically diverse learners, including English learners; gifted and talented students and students with disabilities; and appropriate for the level of endorsement sought shall be included.
  - d. Teaching methods shall be tailored to promote student academic progress and effective preparation for the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments.
  - e. Methods of improving communication between schools and families, ways of increasing family engagement in student learning at home and in school, and family engagement with the Virginia Standards of Learning shall be included.
  - f. Study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines developed by the Virginia Board of Education in consultation with the Virginia Department of Social Services and training or certification in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators shall be included. The certification or training program shall (i) be based on the current national evidenced-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and (ii) include hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
  - g. Curriculum and instruction for secondary grades 6-12 endorsements shall include middle and secondary education.
  - h. Pre-student teaching experiences (field experiences) should be evident within these skills. For preK-12, field experiences shall be at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels.
3. Assessment of and for learning: 3 semester hours.
  - a. Skills in this area shall be designed to develop an understanding and application of creating, selecting, and implementing valid and reliable classroom-based assessments of student learning, including formative and summative assessments. Assessments designed and adapted to meet the needs of diverse learners shall be addressed.
  - b. Analytical skills necessary to inform ongoing planning and instruction, as well as to understand, and help students understand their own progress and growth shall be included.
  - c. Skills shall also include the ability to understand the relationships among assessment, instruction, and monitoring student progress to include student performance measures in grading practices, the ability to interpret valid assessments using a variety of formats in order to measure student attainment of essential skills in a standards-based environment, and the ability to analyze assessment data to make decisions about how to improve instruction and student performance.
  - d. Understanding of state assessment programs and accountability systems, including assessments used for student achievement goal-setting as related to teacher evaluation and determining student academic progress shall be included.
  - e. Knowledge of legal and ethical aspects of assessment and skills for developing familiarity with assessments used in preK-12 education such as diagnostic, college admission exams, industry certifications, and placement assessments shall be included.

4. Foundations of education and the teaching profession: 3 semester hours.
  - a. Skills in this area shall be designed to develop an understanding of the historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations underlying the role, development, and organization of public education in the United States.
  - b. Attention shall be given to the legal status of teachers and students, including federal and state laws and regulations; school as an organization and culture; and contemporary issues and current trends in education, including the impact of technology on education. Local, state, and federal governance of schools, including the roles of teachers and schools in communities shall be included.
  - c. Professionalism and ethical standards, as well as personal integrity shall be addressed.
  - d. Knowledge and understanding of Virginia's Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers shall be included.
5. Classroom and behavior management: 3 semester hours.
  - a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding and application of research-based classroom and behavior management techniques, classroom community building, positive behavior supports, and individual interventions, including techniques that promote emotional well-being and teach and maintain behavioral conduct and skills consistent with norms, standards, and rules of the educational environment.
  - b. This area shall address diverse approaches based upon culturally responsive behavioral, cognitive, affective, social and ecological theory and practice.
  - c. Approaches should support professionally appropriate practices that promote positive redirection of behavior, development of social skills and of self-discipline.
  - d. Knowledge and an understanding of various school crisis management and safety plans and the demonstrated ability to create a safe, orderly classroom environment shall be included. The link between classroom management and the students' ages shall be understood and demonstrated in techniques used in the classroom.
6. Language and literacy.
  - a. Adult education, preK-12, and secondary grades 6-12 - literacy in the content areas: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart an understanding of vocabulary development and comprehension skills in English, mathematics, science, history and social science, and other content areas. Strategies include teaching students how to ask effective questions, summarize and retell both verbally and in writing, and listen effectively. Teaching strategies include literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative comprehension, as well as the ability to foster appreciation of a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts and independent reading for adolescent learners.
  - b. Special education - language acquisition and reading and writing: 6 semester hours. Skills listed for these endorsement areas represent the minimum competencies that a beginning teacher shall be able to demonstrate. These skills are not intended to limit the scope of a beginning teacher's program. Additional knowledge and skills that add to a beginning teacher's competencies to deliver instruction and improve student achievement should be included as part of a quality learning experience.
    - (1) Language acquisition: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart a thorough understanding of the Virginia English Standards of Learning, as well as the complex nature of language acquisition as a precursor to literacy. Language acquisition shall follow the typical development of linguistic competence in the areas of phonetics, semantics, syntax, morphology, phonology, and pragmatics.
    - (2) Reading and writing: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart a thorough understanding of the Virginia English Standards of Learning, as well as the reciprocal nature of reading and writing. Reading shall include phonemic and other phonological awareness, concept of print, phonics, fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension strategies. Writing shall include writing strategies and conventions as supporting the composing and written expression and usage and mechanics domains. Additional skills shall include proficiency in understanding the stages of spelling development and the writing process and the ability to foster appreciation of a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts and independent reading.
7. Supervised classroom experience. Supervised clinical experiences shall be continuous and systematic and comprised of early field experiences and a minimum of 10 weeks of successful full-time student teaching in the endorsement area sought under the supervision of a cooperating teacher with demonstrated effectiveness in the classroom. The summative supervised student teaching experience shall include at least 150 clock hours spent in direct teaching at the level of endorsement in a public or accredited nonpublic school.

If a preK-12 endorsement is sought, teaching activities shall be at the elementary and middle or secondary levels. Individuals seeking the endorsement in library media shall complete the supervised school library media practicum in a school library media setting. Individuals seeking an endorsement in an area of special education shall complete the supervised classroom experience requirement in the area of special education for which the endorsement is sought. One year of successful full-time teaching experience in the endorsement area in a public or an accredited nonpublic school may be accepted in lieu of the supervised teaching experience. For the Online Teacher License only, one year of successful online teaching experience in the endorsement area in a public school, an accredited nonpublic school, or an accredited virtual school or program may be accepted in lieu of the supervised teaching experience. A fully licensed, experienced teacher shall be available in the school building to assist a beginning teacher employed through the alternate route.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** A minimum of 10 weeks of successful full-time student teaching

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Virginia Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** 8 VAC 20-23

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** From Application Instructions available on website:<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/>



**Certification of Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training**

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking initial licensure must complete study in child abuse and neglect recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Virginia Board of Education. A training module is available at no cost.

**Emergency First Aid, CPR (including Hands-on Practice), and AED Training or Certification**

Include documentation verifying this statutory requirement has been met. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

**Dyslexia Awareness Training**

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking initial licensure shall complete awareness training on the indicators of dyslexia, as that term is defined by the Board pursuant to regulations, and the evidence-based interventions and accommodations for dyslexia. A dyslexia module is available at no cost.

**Behavior Intervention and Support Training**

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Applicants who complete a Virginia state-approved program will have completed this as part of their program. A series of modules that meet the new training requirement for initial licensure can be found on the ODU VDOE joint webpage and can be completed at no cost. Applicants who did not receive the training through a Virginia state-approved program may complete the modules on their own and submit the documentation.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/teaching-in-virginia/teacher-licensure/licensing-forms-information>

**Licensing for Out-of-State Applicants**

An individual coming into Virginia from any state may qualify for a Virginia teaching license with comparable endorsement areas if the individual has completed a state-approved teacher preparation program through an accredited four-year college or university, if the individual holds a valid out-of-state teaching license (full credential without deficiencies), or holds an active national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). More information can be found on our resource document for reciprocity. <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/36481/638059294391670000>

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**State/Territory** Washington

**License Title** Residency Teacher, Secondary, Biology (5-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

WAC 181-79A-150

(4) Approved preparation program. Applicants for certification as teachers, administrators, school counselors, and school psychologists, except as otherwise provided in WAC 181-79A-257, and 181-79A-231, and in chapter 181-77 WAC, in order to be certified within the state of Washington shall have completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which certification is to be issued; such program shall have included a defined course of study and a supervised internship as per chapter 181-78A WAC. Applicants for certification as first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teachers shall have completed a sovereign tribal government's first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teaching certification program.

**Residency Teacher Out-of-State**

This application is for those educators who have completed a teacher preparation program through an accredited institution or have held a full teaching credential in another state.

**Requirements**

Completion of a bachelor's degree or higher. Must submit official transcripts showing degree conferral

Must complete a basic skills test (WEST-B or approved alternative) and pass a content area test for endorsement sought (WEST-E/NES or approved alternative). Teacher Testing Assessments

Submission of fingerprints for a background check is required if a valid certificate is not already on record

In addition, you must complete one of the following:

Completion of any state's approved teacher preparation program through an accredited institution Form 4020E, OR an approved alternate route program 4020E-1. The preparation program must include a defined course of study and a supervised student teaching/internship.

OR

Copy of an out-of-state teaching certificate (valid or expired) AND three years of out-of-state teaching experience 4020F-1.

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants-teachers/residency-teacher-out-state>

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** WAC 181-78A-010. Definition of terms.

(15) "Internship" means the period of clinical practice for candidates enrolled in approved administrator, school counselor, and school psychologist preparation programs.

WAC § 181-78A-010

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Board/Agency Website** <https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** WAC 181-79A

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Washington

**Notes** None

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** West Virginia

**License Title** Professional Teaching Certificate, Biology (9-Adult)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

<https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/application-forms/form-20a-application-instructions/>

Credential: Based upon an official recommendation from a regionally accredited out-of-state institution of higher education's state-approved teacher preparation program, no previous licensure is required.

§ 126-136-16. Out-of-State Candidates.

16.2. Recognition of Out-of-State Certificates. West Virginia will issue a Professional Teaching, Administrative, or Student Support Certificate to an eligible candidate who holds: a valid out-of-state certificate equivalent to the Professional Teaching, Administrative, or Professional Certificate of eligibility issued by another state and meets all of the requirements of that state for full certification except employment; and who has graduated from an approved teacher education program at a regionally accredited IHE or educator preparation provider (EPP) approved in the licensing state; and for whom the WVDE has received approval based on a criminal history record check conducted by the West Virginia State Police and the FBI as required by W. Va. Code § 18A-3-10 and section 9.2 (for individuals who hold a valid Out-of-State certificate in the area of CTE, refer to the requirements for the CTE Certificate in section 10). Eligible candidates who meet the requirements as identified in section 10.1.d.5 except coursework or 10.1.e may be issued an initial Professional Teaching Certificate.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** None found

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** West Virginia Department of Education

**Board/Agency Website** <https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** W. Va. Code § 18A-3

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** None found

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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**Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure)** <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

**State/Territory** Wisconsin

**License Title** Provisional Educator License, Middle and High School Science (Biology) (4-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** Yes

**Specific Coursework** Wisconsin standards are aligned with CAEP (and relevant SPA) standards.

Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.040 (g) Out--of--state program. The applicant meets all of the following requirements:

1. Completed an out--of--state educator preparation program that meets all of the following requirements:
    - a. Is approved by the state education agency of the state in which it is headquartered.
    - b. Is comparable to a Wisconsin approved educator preparation program, including student teaching experience, as defined under s. PI 34.023 (2) (a) through (f), for those seeking a teaching license under subch. VI, or under subch. IX if the applicant holds or is concurrently applying for a tier II teaching license under subch. VI.
  2. Received an institutional endorsement from the preparation program.
  3. Demonstrated content knowledge with a passing score on a standardized content knowledge test as required by the state where the program is headquartered. If such a test is not required or not available in that state, then a passing score on a standardized test approved by the Wisconsin state superintendent or a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for courses in the subject area or position may be utilized.
  4. Provided evidence demonstrating knowledge and understanding of all applicable concepts and topics described in s. PI 34.022.
- If an applicant is unable to provide such evidence, the applicant may be eligible to receive a tier I license.

Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.002 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, to receive a license to teach under subch. VI, an applicant shall complete an approved program and demonstrate proficient performance in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions in all of the following: (1) PUPIL DEVELOPMENT. The teacher understands how pupils grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas. The teacher designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences for pupils. (2) LEARNING DIFFERENCES. The teacher uses his or her understanding of individual pupil differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each pupil to meet high standards. (3) LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self--motivation. (4) CONTENT KNOWLEDGE. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of each discipline he or she teaches. The teacher creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for pupils to assure mastery of the content. (5) APPLICATION OF CONTENT. The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage pupils in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues. (6) ASSESSMENT. The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage pupils in their own growth, to monitor pupil progress, and to guide the teacher's and pupil's decision making. (7) PLANNING FOR INSTRUCTION. The teacher plans instruction that supports every pupil in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross--disciplinary skills, pedagogy, pupils, and pupils' communities. (8) INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage pupils to develop a deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to develop skills to apply knowledge in a meaningful way. (9) PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND ETHICAL PRACTICE. The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning. The teacher uses evidence to continuously evaluate the teacher's practice, including the effects of the teacher's choices and actions on pupils, their families, other educators, and the community. The teacher adapts the teacher's practice to meet the needs of each pupil. (10) LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION. The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunity in order to take responsibility for pupil learning, to collaborate with pupils, their families, educators, and the community, and to advance the profession.

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.040 (g) Out--of--state program. The applicant meets all of the following requirements:

- b. Is comparable to a Wisconsin approved educator preparation program, including student teaching experience, as defined under s. PI 34.023 (2) (a) through (f), for those seeking a teaching license under subch. VI, or under subch. IX if the applicant holds or is concurrently applying for a tier II teaching license under subch. VI.

Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.023 (2) Student teaching. For educator preparation programs leading to a teaching license, each student shall have student teaching experience which meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Is developmental in scope and sequence.
- (b) Occurs in school settings.
- (c) Meets the statutory requirements under s. 118.19 (3) (a), Stats.
- (d) Provides the student opportunities to interact with and adapt instruction for children with disabilities.
- (e) Assigns the student a cooperating teacher or team of cooperating teachers.
- (f) Has one of the following durations:
  1. For educator preparation programs leading to the student's first license under subch. VI, the student teaching shall be for full school days for a full semester of the cooperating school or the equivalent as determined by the state superintendent. Equivalency for the purpose of this subdivision shall include one of the following:
    - a. The length of the semester of the student's institution of higher education if the educator preparation program determines a student meets completion requirements. If an institution of higher education operates on a calendar other than semesters, the duration of student teaching shall be no less than 15 weeks.
    - b. Full days for a full semester of the cooperating school with an option to substitute teach for no more than 10 full days during the semester if agreed to by the educator preparation program. Short-term substitute teaching authorized under s. 118.19 (7m),

Stats., may only occur in the classroom of the cooperating teacher and if the student possesses a substitute teaching license.

c. Half days for two full semesters following the calendar of the cooperating school if agreed to by the educator preparation program. For the purpose of subd. 1. c., two full semesters of student teaching must be completed within two years following the first day of the first semester of student teaching.

d. If an entity under ss. PI 34.006 (3) (a), (b), (d) or (e) operates on a calendar other than semesters, the duration of student teaching shall be no less than 15 weeks, if the educator preparation program determines a student meets completion requirements.

e. The duration identified in the program standards for an apprenticeship program in ch. 106, Stats., if approved by the department.

2. For educator preparation programs leading to the student obtaining an additional teacher license under subchs. VI or IX, the student teaching shall be for full days for a full semester of the cooperating school. Equivalency for the purpose of this subdivision, as determined by the state superintendent, is for a duration determined by the educator preparation program to be necessary for the student to gain the necessary clinical experience for the additional license.

Student Teaching - Not Enough Weeks

State law requires that teachers complete a full semester of full-time student teaching. Teachers whose preparation program required less than 15 weeks of student teaching can meet this statutory stipulation with verification of employment confirming 15 weeks of successful full-time teaching experience.

[https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/statutory-](https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/statutory-stipulations#Statutory%20Stipulation%20Descriptions%20and%20Courses%20and%20Workshops%20that%20Address%20them)

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**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and

Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

**Board/Agency Website** <https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Minority Group Relations - All (AKA Human Relations)

Minority Group Relations - WI American Indian Bands and Tribes

Special Education

Conflict Resolution

Reading and Language Arts Instruction

W.S.A. 118.19 (8) The state superintendent may not grant to any person a license to teach unless the person has received instruction in the study of minority group relations, including instruction in the history, culture and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

(9)(a) Except as provided in par. (b), the state superintendent may not issue an initial teaching license, school district administrator's license or school administrator's license unless the applicant has demonstrated competency in all of the following:

1. Resolving conflicts between pupils and between pupils and school staff.

2. Assisting pupils in learning methods of resolving conflicts between pupils and between pupils and school staff, including training in the use of peer mediation to resolve conflicts between pupils.

3. Dealing with crises, including violent, disruptive, potentially violent or potentially disruptive situations, that may arise in school or at activities supervised by a school as a result of conflicts between pupils or between pupils and other persons.

(b) The state superintendent may waive the requirements under par. (a) if the applicant demonstrates competency in the subjects under par. (a) 1. to 3. within 12 months after the date on which the license is issued.

(14)(a) Except as provided in par. (b), the department may not issue an initial teaching license that authorizes the holder to teach in grades kindergarten to 5 or in special education, an initial license as a reading teacher, or an initial license as a reading specialist, unless the applicant has passed an examination identical to the Foundations of Reading test administered in 2012 as part of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure. The department shall set the passing cut score on the examination at a level no lower than the level recommended by the developer of the test, based on this state's standards.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** PI 34.040 (2) (g) 3. Demonstrated content knowledge with a passing score on a standardized content knowledge test as required by the state where the program is headquartered. If such a test is not required or not available in that state, then a passing score on a standardized test approved by the Wisconsin state superintendent or a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for courses in the subject area or position may be utilized.

**Notes** Pursuant to Wisconsin Regulation 23524, the DPI has approved regulatory changes affecting out-of-state candidates. These changes include expanding options for meeting content requirements, eliminating the pedagogy requirement, and further defining the comparable program requirements. This regulation is published in WI Register No 835A, and is effective August 1, 2025.

Upon application review, DPI may determine for which license you are currently eligible. If you are not eligible for the license for which you applied, DPI will issue the most similar license for which you are eligible. If there is no license for which you are eligible your application may be denied.

From website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/oos>

Explanation of statutory stipulations (deficiencies) for out-of-state program completers and how to remedy:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/statutory-stipulations>

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**State/Territory** Wyoming

**License Title** Standard Educator License, Biology (6-12)

**Specialized Accreditation Required?** No

**Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?** No

**Curriculum Comparison Needed?** No

**Specific Coursework** Out-of-state approved teacher preparation program graduates meet educational requirements.

<https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/becoming-licensed/>

Requirements for Out-of-State Program completion applicants

Completion of an approved Educator Preparation Program

Program must be from an accredited college or university

Program must include student teaching and lead to an Institutional Recommendation (IR) for licensure

Note: In order for applicants to obtain an Institutional Recommendation form they must be eligible for licensure in the state in which the college or university is located.

Applicants do not have to obtain licensure in that state; however, they must be eligible for licensure. In some states, individuals may be required to complete testing for licensure in that state (i.e. applicants who have/will complete an Arizona program must complete the Arizona testing requirements and will not need to complete the Praxis exams required for Wyoming for initial licensure.)

**Supervised Experience (In-Program)** N/A

**Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement?** Yes, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement

**Board/Agency Name** Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board

**Board/Agency Website** <http://wyomingptsb.com/>

**Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation** W.S.1977 § 21-2;

WY Rules and Regulations 019.0001.4 § 4

**Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify?** No

**Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification?** No

**Additional Training (Not Required In-Program)** Demonstration of Knowledge through Coursework

Courses which demonstrate knowledge of the U.S. Constitution must cover U.S. History prior to 1865 and include the study of the Constitution. Political Science courses may be counted if the coursework included study of the Constitution. If there are questions about the content of the curriculum, PTSB may require an applicant to submit course descriptions. Graduates from a Wyoming Community College or the University of Wyoming have completed this coursework, however must have passed the course with a "C" or higher.

When submitting your application packet, please highlight the courses which meet the requirements of constitutional study on your official college transcript.

Demonstration of Knowledge through Examination

If you have not completed coursework to meet the requirement of the U.S. and Wyoming Constitution Study, you may demonstrate knowledge through an exam. PTSB has created two multiple-choice exams (20 questions each), which may be taken at any Wyoming school district administration office, or you may request to have our digital exams sent to you via email. To obtain the exams(s) digitally through PTSB, please send an email to [wyoptsb@wyo.gov](mailto:wyoptsb@wyo.gov), and be sure to include which exam(s) you will need to take in your email request. Please note that the digital exams are scored automatically. If you do not pass the exam(s), you will need to send another request to [wyoptsb@wyo.gov](mailto:wyoptsb@wyo.gov). Please see the links to the study guides below.

**Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program)** None found

**Exam(s) Required** Praxis

**Notes** None

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