

Teacher Certification

There are different types of teacher certification that can be granted under a variety of conditions. While they may have different names, in general, they are permanent and provisional certificates. Permanent certificates are awarded by a state upon an individual's completion of one of the state's approved teacher education programs. Provisional certificates are granted to individuals who do not, at the time the certificate is conveyed, meet all the requirements for permanent teacher certification. The provisional certificate requires that the recipient complete additional requirements within a specified period of time.

Individuals who meet certain qualifications may earn a certificate of license to teach by completing a state-approved alternative teacher certification program at an institution of higher education in their state. These programs are designed for non-traditional students seeking teacher certification. Individuals should contact their local college or University or go to the Certification Information located in this section for state specific information regarding alternative certification.

Although many states have a reciprocity agreement with other states, it is a good idea to contact the education department for your state. Certification requirements vary from state to state. Becoming certified in one state does not automatically make you eligible to work in another.



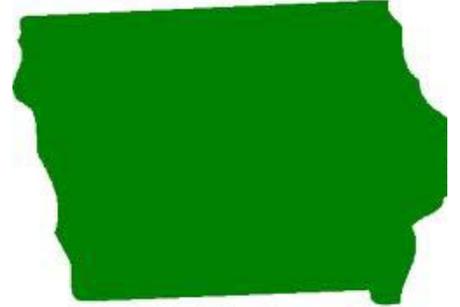
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Requirements for Licenses

Initial

Valid for 2 years and is renewable under prescribed conditions

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Completion of an approved teacher preparation program.
- Completion of an approved human relations component.
- Completion of requirements for a teaching endorsement.
- Meets the recency requirement listed under the Class A License

Standard

Valid for 5 years

Renewable under prescribed conditions

- Completion of requirements 1-4 for the **Initial** license.
- Evidence of two years successful teaching experience based on local evaluation process.
- Meets the recency requirement listed under the Class A License

Additional Information

Verify 2 years of teaching experience.

Kansas

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Alternative Route to Teacher Licensure in Kansas

Restricted Teaching License Alternative Pathway*

The Restricted Teaching License Alternative Pathway is intended to respond to school districts' needs in hiring qualified, licensed teachers. It is designed to recruit mid-career professionals who have a bachelor's, master's degree, or equivalent coursework in a content area they want to teach and are seeking a career change. Heritage language speakers with a bachelor's degree or higher can also utilize the restricted licensure to teach their native languages. This pathway provides an opportunity for these individuals to have immediate access to start teaching under restricted license while completing professional education pedagogy course work to become fully licensed.

*The alternative licensure program is only available for secondary content areas and limited numbers of all level subjects.

Step One: Assess your eligibility

Eligibility-(Must meet all eligibility requirements)

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited university,
2. The degree or equivalent coursework must be in a regular education [content area](#) you want to teach, OR
Be a heritage language speaker,
3. A GPA of 2.75 from the last 60 semester credits hours of college coursework completed,
4. A passing score for the Praxis II content assessment in the content area, AND
5. A supervised practical training experience must be completed under the collaboration of the supporting institution and hiring school district before restricted teaching license can be issued.

Step Two: Contact participating Kansas universities.

Have the university hosting the program evaluate your transcript to ensure you meet the content requirements for the subject matter you want to teach. Develop a plan of study with the alternative certification program staff. Program length may vary depending on the institution.

Institution	Licensure Officer	Contact Information
Baker University	Leanna Walkowiak	913-491-4432 ext. 1230 lwalkowiak@bakeru.edu
Emporia State University	Kirsten Limpert	620-341-5654 klimpert@emporia.edu
Fort Hays State University	Kerry Schuckman	785-628-4542 kschuckm@fhsu.edu
Pittsburg State University	Bonnie McDougle	620-235-4490 bmcdougl@pittstate.edu
Southwestern College	David Hofmeister	620-229-6115 david.hofmeister@sckans.edu
Sterling College	Gladys Ritterhouse	620-278-4241 gritterhouse@sterling.edu
Wichita State University	Sherri Holle	316-978-6580 sherri.holle@wichita.edu

Step Three: Locate and apply for a teaching position

Locate and apply for a teaching position by visiting [Kansas Education Employment Board \(kansasteachingjobs.com\)](http://kansasteachingjobs.com). Contact the employer and inquire if a restricted license is appropriate for the position.

Step Four: Apply for the Restricted License

The application process is a coordinated effort with sections completed by the individual, the school district hiring the individual, and the higher education institution providing the course work. Once the license is issued, you will teach full-time while completing the required professional education course work towards full licensure.

Step Five: Progress report

A progress report must be submitted every year verifying that appropriate progress has been made towards a full license. The restricted license will be canceled if you do not make appropriate progress.

Step Six: Apply for a full Kansas license

The institution will recommend for a full Kansas license after you successfully complete all of the coursework and testing (content and pedagogy) requirements on the plan of study.

Missouri.



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Temporary Authorization Certificate Requirements

The applicant for a temporary authorization certificate must comply with the following criteria:

1. Possession of a baccalaureate of higher degree from an accredited college or university in the subject area to be taught or a closely related field (applicants for a special education temporary authorization must possess a baccalaureate or higher degree) with a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
2. Submission of a joint application verifying contracted employment with a Missouri public school district or accredited non-public school;
3. If the applicant holds an initial Missouri professional or life certificate of license to teach and is seeking an additional certificate of license to teach, a transcripts analysis must be completed by the Office of Educator Certification based on the requirements set forth in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements; and
4. The temporary authorization certificate will not include elementary (1-6); early childhood (B-3); early childhood special education (B-3); blind and partially sighted (K-12); and/or deaf and hearing impaired (K-12) areas. Applicants for the areas of driver's education, English for speakers of other languages, gifted, and special reading must already hold a certificate of license to teach or must seek a certificate of license to teach in a stand-alone area.

Alternative Teacher Certification Programs in Missouri

Individuals who meet certain qualifications may earn a Missouri certificate of license to teach by completing a state-approved alternative teacher certification program at an institution of higher education in Missouri. These programs are designed for non-traditional students seeking Missouri teacher certification. Individuals should contact any of the following institutions for specific information regarding alternative certification in Missouri.

Missouri Institutions with Approved Alternative Certification Programs

Columbia College
Columbia, MO 65216
Contact: Dr. Paul Hanna
Chair, Education Department
Phone: (573) 875-7540
E-mail: wphanna@ccis.edu

Drury University
St Robert, MO 65584
194 East Lawn (Suite C)
Contact: Dr. Edward Williamson
Associate Professor
Phone: (573) 451-2400
E-mail: ewilliam@drury.edu

Missouri Baptist College
St. Louis, MO 63141-8698
Contact: Dr. James E. French
Acting Education Division Chair
Phone (314) 434-1115 Ext 2323
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Missouri Southern State University
Partnered with Missouri State (below)
Joplin, MO 64801-1595
Contact: Dr. Willie Edwards
Assistant Professor Teacher Education
Phone (417) 625-9626
E-mail: edwards-w@mssu.edu

Missouri State University
Springfield, MO 65804
Contact: Dr. Scott Fiedler
Associate Dean, College of Education
Phone: (417) 836-8772
E-mail: scottfiedler@missouristate.edu

Missouri Western State University
St. Joseph, MO 64507
Contact: Tina Dye
Certification Officer
(816) 271-4332
E-mail: tdye1@missouriwestern.edu

Northwest Missouri State University –
St. Joe Center
St. Joseph, MO 64501
Contact: Carla Mebane
(816) 364-5000
E-mail: cmebane@nwmissouri.edu

Park University
Parkville, MO 64152
Contact: Dr. Linda Siebert
Associate Dean
Phone: (816) 584-6734
E-mail: linda.siebert@park.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-4799
Contact: Ms.. Pamela Barnes
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Phone: (573) 651-2556
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Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO 65613-2496
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Director Graduate Education Program
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University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO 64093-5150
Contact: Dr. Larry Reiter, Director
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Phone: (660) 543-4881
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University of Missouri-Columbia
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Math and Science Only

University of Missouri-St Louis
St. Louis, MO 63121
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Education Phone: (314) 516-6236
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Washington University
St. Louis, MO 63130
Contact: Dr. William Tate
Certification Officer
Phone: (314) 935-6791
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American Board for Certification of
Teacher Excellence
Phone (877) 669-2228
E-mail: contact@abcte.org

American Military University
Online at: www.amu.apus.edu

Nebraska

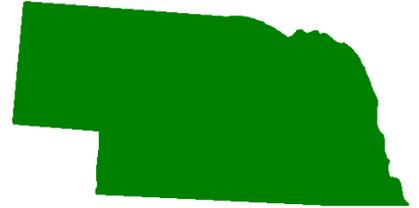
Contact Name: Dr. Kevin Peters, Supervisor Certification Director

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Licensure website: www.education.ne.gov/tcert



PROVISIONAL COMMITMENT TEACHING CERTIFICATE FOR NEBRASKA CERTIFICATION

Employment in a Nebraska school system IS required for issuance of this type of Provisional Certificate. This certificate IS renewable with proof of progress toward the program. This certificate expires on August 31, of the year following the year of issuance.

The Provisional Commitment Teaching Certificate may be issued when the following is met:

- A baccalaureate degree has been completed.
- The required portion of an approved teacher education program has been completed, including:
- Fifty percent (50%) of the pre-student teaching requirements of an approved program for the preparation of teachers AND a course in teaching methods AND
- Three-fourths (75%) of the requirements for at least one subject or field endorsement. These program requirements are determined by the college certification officer at the teacher education institution where you have set up your program.

The following documents must be submitted for the Provisional Commitment Certificate:

- Application Form AND Non-refundable application fee AND
- Record of Residence form listing your residences in Nebraska in the immediate past five years OR Complete two fingerprint cards provided by the Nebraska Department of Education Teacher Certification office and the non-refundable fingerprint processing fee AND
- Institutional Verification form, completed by the certification officer of the approved teacher education institution where the education program is being completed, AND
- Courses Required for Completion of an Approved Program (CRC) form, found in the Forms section of this manual. This form must be completed by the certification officer of the approved teacher education institution where the education program is being completed AND
- Official transcripts of all college credits AND
- Official transcript of a pre-approved course to meet the Human Relations Training requirement OR Written verified narrative of your employment experiences for the six (6) skills AND
- You and your employing Superintendent must complete and sign the bottom portion of the Agreement Statement. This form must be submitted along with all other documents for the type of certificate for which you are applying.

Nebraska Transition To Teaching

www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/SecondPages/TTT.html

Mid-career professionals and recent college graduates with baccalaureate degrees who wish to become Nebraska teachers may qualify for the Nebraska Transitional Teaching Certificate. As the result of a federal grant, the Nebraska Department of Education in partnership with the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) implemented the Transition to Teaching Program (TTT not to be confused with Troops to Teachers). In addition to the TTT program at UNK, several of the other Nebraska teacher preparation programs offer alternative routes to regular certification.

Rule 21, Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services and Administer in Nebraska Schools, provides specific information about the transitional certificate, but requirements include:

- The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree which includes at least 75% of course requirements for preparation in a secondary field or subject endorsement area.
- A written request for the issuance of the certificate from the superintendent or governing body of the school system in which the applicant intends to teach, including documentation that the school system has not found a fully qualified teacher for the position.
- An assessment of transcripts completed by a certification officer in a standard institution of higher education and a plan developed for completion of an approved initial teacher certification program.
- A written plan from the school system for mentoring and supervision of the applicant.
- Completion of a pre-teaching seminar that includes information and skill development in the areas of diversity, classroom management, curriculum planning, and instructional strategies prior to assuming responsibility for the classroom.
- A written agreement with a Nebraska teacher education program to complete at least one supervisory visit each semester to the school system of the applicant.

Information about other Nebraska certificates can be found on the Teacher Certification Office (www.education.ne.gov/tcert/) web site or in Rule 21.

(http://www.education.ne.gov/LEGAL/webrulespdf/CLEANRule%2021_2010.pdf)

Questions regarding Nebraska certification should be directed to the Teacher Certification Office at tcertweb@nebraska.gov.



Troops to Teachers Contact Sheet



Name: _____ , _____
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gender Male Female Last four of SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Separation / Retirement: _____ Years of Service: _____
(Circle One)

Degree(s) Earned: _____

List, in order of preference, the three state(s) in which you are interested in teaching: _____ , _____ , _____

Turn in or mail to:

Veterans Education and Training
Central States Troops to Teachers
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Event: _____ / Location: _____ Date: _____

I hereby authorize the release of personal information to the Troops to Teachers State Offices.

*I understand this **** DOES NOT REGISTER **** me in the Troops to Teachers program!*

Signature: X _____ Date _____

The purpose of this form is to collect information so that a potential registrant can be contacted with additional information about the Troops to Teachers program.



This does NOT register you in TTT