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AL	Yes	https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TEA_2022111_Overview-of-Alabama-s-Educator-Certification-Approaches_V1.0.pdf	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Candidates who wish to obtain Alabama teacher certification must take two tests. The first exam, the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program: Basic Skills Assessment, measures competence in reading, writing, and mathematics. Candidates must also take the subject and grade-level specific Praxis II exam(s) appropriate to the endorsement areas they are seeking. You can view the required Praxis II exam(s) through the Educational Testing Service (ETS).		Yes
AK	Yes	Alaska Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Prospective teachers in Alaska must pass a basic competency exam. There are a number of competency exams that meet this requirement for Alaska teacher certification, which are listed through the Division of Teaching & Learning Support website. In addition to demonstrating basic skills, candidates must also demonstrate content-specific knowledge for their endorsement area(s) by taking the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessments. The Praxis Subject Assessments are not a requirement for initial licensure, but teachers must take and pass the exam in order to advance to a Professional certificate and continue teaching in Alaska.		Yes
AZ	Yes	https://www.azed.gov/node/25689	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	must pass a test of subject knowledge as well as a test of professional knowledge. These exams are written to be specific to the grade level(s) and subject endorsement(s) the candidate is seeking.		Yes
AR	Yes	http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/educator%20effectiveness	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching and the Praxis Subject Assessments appropriate to the endorsement areas sought.		Yes
CA	Yes	California Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. In addition to holding a bachelor's degree, applicants hoping to become certified teachers in California must decide which grade level they would like to teach and whether they want to work in general or special education. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has different pathways and guidelines for elementary, secondary, and special education.	California uses its own system of examinations for certifying teachers in the state. All applicants for a preliminary California teaching certification must meet basic skills testing requirements. This may be done through completion of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) including the basic writing test.		Yes
CO	Yes	Colorado Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	PRAXIS Subject Assessments		Yes
CT	Yes	Connecticut Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	as part of the state's teacher education program requirements, candidates must either have passed the Praxis Core or achieved an appropriate score on the SAT, ACT, or GRE exam(s). Candidates for a teaching credential must pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessments, which are specialized content-area exams, for their desired subject(s) and grade level(s). Those who wish to teach Early Childhood or Elementary Education must also take the Connecticut Foundations of Reading test, administered by Pearson. Early Childhood and Elementary Education teachers must also pass the Connecticut Teacher Certification Examinations (CTCE) Early Childhood exam. For current information on the required examinations for all grade levels, visit the Connecticut Teacher Certification Examinations website.		Yes
DE	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/del	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program	Praxis Subject Assessment (formerly the Praxis II) for each endorsement area sought. Educators with less than one year of licensed experience will also need to pass an approved performance assessment, which directly measures skills in pedagogy and classroom leadership, within two years of initial employment in a Delaware school		Yes
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/washington-dc/	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. Teacher preparation wa	To qualify for a Regular I license, prospective teachers must earn passing scores on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam and the Praxis subject assessments in the area(s) to be taught. To upgrade to a renewable Regular II license, an educator must pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam for the subject(s) and grade level(s) for which he or she is seeking endorsement.	The District of Columbia uses a tiered system of teacher licensing. The Regular I license is the initial certification for traditional route educators, is valid for two years, and can not be renewed. Candidates must complete two years of effective-rated teaching experience and pass the Praxis Principles of Learning & Teaching (PLT) for the appropriate grade level(s) to earn the Regular II license, which is valid for four years and can be renewed. Additionally, candidates pursuing the Regular I license must have a current employment offer from a District of Columbia public school, unless they meet the requirements for a Regular II license.	Yes
FL	Yes	Florida Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	All teaching candidates in Florida are required to pass basic teaching knowledge and content area examinations. Florida testing requirements differ based on the type of certificate the applicant is seeking. Within the two certificate pathways, there are two basic exams and an additional Professional Certificate.	As part of the state's teacher preparation requirements, Florida candidates for teaching certification must complete a state-approved teacher preparation program. In some cases, specified coursework requirements can be waived if the applicant can show passing scores on the Florida Subject Area Subject Examination or a valid American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) certificate. For those who hold bachelor's degrees in a subject other than education, completion of the Florida Professional Development Certification Program and a passing score on the Florida Professional Education Test may also be sufficient to obtain teaching certification.	Yes
GA	Yes	Georgia Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	The Georgia Department of Education uses the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) as the main content area and teaching knowledge exams for initial certification. The testing objectives are designed to assess candidates' readiness to teach effectively in Georgia public schools. There are no exemptions for the GACE Content Assessment and all candidates must pass all parts of the assessment for certification. Candidates must also pass the Georgia Educator Ethics Exam as part of pre-service certification	Induction certificate for beginning teachers. Induction certificate for beginning teachers. After three years of successful teaching, candidates will become eligible to apply for a Professional teaching certificate.	Yes
HI	Yes	Hawaii Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Prospective teachers in Hawaii must take and pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessments for the subject area and grade level they wish to teach. These tests are designed to ensure that prospective teachers have the content knowledge and teaching skills necessary to become effective educators. All candidates will also be required to pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam. Those who completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program will also typically be required to take the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching exam.	The initial license for those who have completed a bachelor's degree and approved teacher preparation program is the Provisional License. After three years of successful teaching, educators can apply for the Standard License.	Yes

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ID	Yes	Idaho Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and CAEP accredited state-approved teacher preparation program	Praxis Subject Assessments	Note that prospective educators who attend an out-of-state program that is not CAEP-accredited will likely need to apply for certification in that state and then apply for Idaho certification by reciprocity.	Yes
IL	Yes	Illinois Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and an approved teacher preparation program that is accredited through one of the six accreditation agencies	There are three exams that prospective teachers must pass: a basic skills test, the appropriate content area exam, and the Illinois State Test for Educators (ISTE).	Must have 32 hours of content area course	Yes
IN	Yes	Indiana Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and complete a preparation program from a state-approved and regionally accredited institution.	candidates must take the Indiana CORE Academic Skills Assessment (CASA), which measures knowledge in the content areas to be taught. Candidates must also take the Indiana REPA/REPA3 exam, which measures skills and knowledge in pedagogy and child development.	Candidates must also earn CPR/AED/Heimlich certification and complete suicide prevention training, programs which are typically included in teacher preparation curricula in the state. Indiana uses a tiered system with two levels of teaching licensure: Initial Practitioner and Proficient Practitioner. The Initial Practitioner is a renewable two-year license for first-time teachers. While teaching under the Initial Practitioner license, teachers must complete the Indiana Mentoring and Assessment Program (IMAP), a two-year mentored internship.	Yes
IA	Yes	Iowa Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	In order to obtain an Initial teaching license, the qualifying bachelor's degree must be earned from a regionally-accredited institution and an approved teacher preparation program with a human relations component must be completed.	As of 2022, Iowa teacher candidates who completed a state-approved program are not required to complete professional testing in order to become eligible for licensure. For more information, refer to the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.	Must complete human relations course	Yes
KS	Yes	Kansas Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Those who are preparing for Kansas teacher certification must complete a teacher education program at an approved school as well as a bachelor's degree at a regionally accredited institution. All teachers in Kansas are required to have at least one endorsement on their license, which typically requires a major in an endorsement area.	The Kansas Department of Education requires candidates to pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam appropriate to the grade level(s) they wish to teach. Candidates will also need to pass the Praxis Subject Assessments for all endorsement fields.		Yes
KY	Yes	Kentucky Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	All prospective educators must pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exams (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics). Note that the Praxis Core exams are commonly required as a condition of admission to a Kentucky-based teacher education program. All individuals pursuing a Kentucky educator license must also complete the Praxis Subject Assessments in each content area for which they are seeking certification.	Reciprocity is not recognized for out-of-state certificates based on test scores.	Yes
LA	Yes	Louisiana Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	In order to earn Louisiana teacher certification, candidates must take and pass the Praxis exams appropriate to the grade level(s) and subject(s) they wish to teach. The required examinations include the Core Academic Skills for Educators to assesses the candidate's basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Prospective teachers must also complete the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching exam appropriate to the grade level(s) they wish to teach, as well as the appropriate Praxis subject-area exams. Consult the Louisiana Department of Education for a current breakdown of required exams by endorsement area.		Yes
ME	Yes	Maine Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from accredited school and completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program	Candidates pursuing teaching certification in Maine must demonstrate their abilities in the fundamentals of reading, writing, and mathematics by passing the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam, commonly referred to as the Core. Teachers must also demonstrate competency in the subject(s) they wish to teach by submitting a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessments.	Candidate should request credential evaluation	Yes
MD	Yes	Maryland Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from an accredited school and regionally accredited teacher preparation program.	The first exam requirement is passing a basic skills test. Passing scores on the Praxis Core will be accepted as meeting this requirement. The state allows substitution of exceptional scores on the SAT, ACT, or GRE tests in place of a basic skills test. The second exam requirement is the Praxis Subject Assessment. Teachers will typically also need to take the teaching skills test, the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching, that aligns with the grade level(s) they wish to teach (Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12). For those who wish to teach foreign languages, Maryland uses the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency test, which is administered by Language Testing International (LTI). This test is only required for teachers of foreign languages.	Candidates must also complete minimum coursework in reading. Those seeking certificates in Pre-K through the elementary grades must complete 12 semester hours in reading. Those who are certifying in a secondary content area or in the middle to secondary grades must complete six semester hours in reading. Qualifying scores on the Praxis Subject Assessments, as discussed further below, may exempt candidates from this coursework requirement.	Yes
MA	Yes	Massachusetts Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and approved teacher preparation program.	The state requires that anyone pursuing teacher licensure in Massachusetts take and pass the appropriate Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Although the exact examinations required will vary depending on the grade level and subject area a candidate plans to teach, prospective teachers will typically need to pass the Communication and Literacy Skills Test as well as a Subject test designed to assess the candidate's expertise in their specific content area. You can read more about the required exams on the Massachusetts Department of Education website.	Teacher preparation program waived with MTEL	Yes
MI	Yes	Michigan Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	passing score on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC). Generally, this assessment will include two different tests – one which assesses the candidate's knowledge of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, and another which assesses the candidate's expertise in the content area for which he or she is seeking certification. Candidates must also pass the Professional Readiness Examination.	Candidates for a teaching credential must meet specific coursework requirements within the teacher preparation program, including three to six semester hours in reading courses and a course in first aid and CPR.	Yes
MN	No	Minnesota Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	The Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board has adopted the National Evaluation Series (NES) Essential Academic Skills Test to measure candidates' basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics and also administers the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE) to assess candidates' teaching skills and content-area knowledge. All prospective educators seeking initial certification must take the Essential Academic Skills Test and the MTLE general pedagogy test, which measures skills in the principles of teaching and learning. In addition, candidates must take the MTLE content area test aligned to the subject area(s) and grade level(s) they wish to teach.	Minnesota Department of Education requires teacher candidates to take an approved course in human relations from a Minnesota college or university.	Yes

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MS	Yes	Mississippi Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	bachelor's degree and complete an approved educator preparation program at an accredited university. For a Class A license, candidates must have at least a 2.75 GPA in the subject area(s) for which a license endorsement is sought.	Those seeking Mississippi educator certification must first pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators basic skills test. Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam must be passed; this test measures teaching skills and knowledge of child development. Finally, the content-area Subject Assessments appropriate for the grade level(s) and subject(s) to be taught must be passed.		Yes
MO	Yes	Missouri Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	The Missouri State Board of Education requires passing scores on the Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) and Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA) to qualify for a teaching license. The MEGA exams measure content area knowledge based on the subject and grade level to be taught. The MoGEA exam measures skills and knowledge in language arts, writing, mathematics, and the sciences. Candidates must achieve a passing score on all exams required for the endorsement area(s) sought before applying for a teaching certificate.		Yes
MT	Yes	Montana Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved, regional or NCATE/CAEP accreditation teacher preparation program	Praxis Subject Assessments for Content required.		Yes
NE	Yes	Nebraska Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Individuals seeking Nebraska teaching certification must also pass two assessments. The first is the Praxis Core Academic Skills test, which assesses basic skills of first-time teachers in Nebraska. The second testing requirement in Nebraska is the Praxis Subject Assessments.	In addition, Nebraska law requires human relations training as part of	Yes
NV	No	Nevada Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Candidates must take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators and the Principles of Learning and Teaching exams that are appropriate for the grade levels to be taught. Praxis Subject Assessments must also be completed for all endorsement areas sought.	Specific coursework is also required, including at least three semester hours of credit in education for students with disabilities and at least three semester hours of credit in parental involvement and family engagement. These courses are typically included in a Nevada-approved teacher education program. Those who studied out-of-state or online may need to take these courses within Nevada prior to becoming eligible for licensure.	Yes
NH	Yes	New Hampshire Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and completion of an approved state education program	For initial certification, individuals must demonstrate basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics by passing the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam. Candidates with scores above the fiftieth percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE exams may have this requirement waived. All prospective educators must demonstrate subject-specific knowledge by taking the Praxis Subject Assessments for the subject(s) to be taught. Finally, candidates for certification in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, or Reading and Writing must take the Pearson Education Foundations of Reading test.	institutional recommendation for a license	Yes
NJ	Yes	New Jersey Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)		A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university is the minimum educational requirement for teacher certification in New Jersey. In addition, the state requires that potential teachers graduating on or after September 1, 2016, have a GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). There is some flexibility with this requirement through a high Praxis test score. Candidates must also pass a county-level examination in physiology and hygiene.	Candidates must also pass a county-level examination in physiology an	Yes
NM	Yes	Alternate Routes to Teaching in New Mexico (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program	The NMTA (New Mexico Teacher Assessments) are required for all applicants for New Mexico educator certification. The NMTA is comprised of the Essential Academic Skills subtests I, II, and III, plus professional knowledge and grade-level specific exams that vary according to the grade level and subject(s) for which endorsements are being sought	Approved program and testing requirement	No
NY	Yes	New York Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree with 2.5 GPA or higher from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program	There are several exams that are required for obtaining a teaching license in New York. The first is the Educating All Students (EAS) test, which measures direct teaching skills and knowledge. All prospective teachers must also pass the edTPA, which measures teaching performance and instructional practice. Those teaching core subjects must also pass the appropriate Content Specialty Test (CST). Additional tests, such as the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST), the Bilingual Education Assessments (BEAs), or the Communication and Quantitative Skills Test (CQST) may be required depending on the candidate's educational background and content area and grade level(s) to be taught. You can find more specific information through the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations website.	Initial certificate requires taking workshops	No
NC	Yes	North Carolina Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	completion of an approved teacher education program from an accredited college or university, typically as part of a bachelor's degree in a core subject.	Praxis Subject Assessments for middle, secondary, and K-12 licensure areas. Those seeking certification under Exceptional Children: General Curriculum must take the Pearson Test for North Carolina: Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum.		Yes
ND	No	North Dakota Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree with at least a 2.50 GPA from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	All applicants must pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam. This is a basic skills test that assesses knowledge in reading, writing, and mathematics. Candidates must also obtain a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessments for the desired area of certification.	The bachelor's degree major must consist of a minimum of 32 credit hours. The coursework requirements vary based on the grade level(s) a candidate seeks to teach; however, all candidates must take an approved course in Native American Studies. For detailed information, consult the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board.	Yes
OH	Yes	Ohio Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) or The Praxis subject assessments may be required for select specialties in education. The OAE exams are completed in two parts, pedagogical (teaching skills) knowledge and content-area knowledge. Teachers may earn endorsements in several content areas by taking the assigned exams for each area but only must pass the pedagogical section of the OAE once for each grade level endorsement. Candidates wishing to teach a foreign language must also pass the Tests in World Languages provided by ACTFL, including the Oral Proficiency Interview and the Written Proficiency Test.	The coursework required depends on the type of initial license sought. For example, for early childhood licensure, applicants need 12 semester hours of coursework on teaching reading. For most categories of licensure, candidates must also complete a minimum of 12 weeks of student teaching. For more information on program requirements by certification type, check with the Ohio Department of Education.	Yes
OK	Yes	Oklahoma Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Candidates for Oklahoma teacher certification must take and pass three assessments administered by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP): the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET), the Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT), and the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination (OPTE). These tests are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills, basic knowledge in core content areas such as the sciences and liberal arts, expert subject-area knowledge, and competency in effective teaching and learning principles. Oklahoma does not accept Praxis scores in lieu of its own examinations for traditional pathway candidates.	Verification of teacher program completion at an approved teacher preparation school.	Yes

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OR	No	Oregon Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. Certain levels of certification require that the candidate hold a master's degree or higher.	Oregon was the first state in the nation to adopt the National Evaluation Series (NES) teacher certification tests from Pearson. This series, called the Oregon Educator Licensure Assessments (ORELA) is designed to assess candidates' pedagogical knowledge and subject-area expertise. The exams allow candidates the option of testing online and receiving results immediately. Teaching license applicants must take the exam that aligns with the endorsement(s) they will be seeking. Contact the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for further details. Additionally, after meeting education requirements, all Oregon teachers must pass the Oregon Civil Rights Exam, "Protecting Students and Civil Rights in the Education Environment." The Civil Rights Exam is in addition to the subject matter exams specific to the teaching license and endorsement(s) sought	Candidates should apply through the TSPC eLicense portal . Visit the Oregon Department of Education website for more information.	Yes
PA	Yes	Pennsylvania Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	candidates must take and pass the proper Praxis subject assessments for the subject(s) to be taught, as well as the pedagogy (teaching skills) exam modules that align with the grade levels to be taught.	The institutional recommendation verifies to the Department of Education that the applicant has completed state-mandated requirements for coursework in core subjects including mathematics, English, ESL education, and teaching skills, as well as a teaching internship.	Yes
RI	Yes	Rhode Island Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Candidates for Rhode Island teacher certification must have at least a bachelor's degree and complete an approved teacher preparation program. The education completed must include at least 60 hours of field experience and 12 weeks of student teaching. The field experience requirement is for each certification area sought. In addition, candidates must have graduated from the program completed no more than five years prior to the submission of the application for a teaching credential.	Prospective educators must typically pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and Praxis Subject Assessments for the grade level(s) and subject(s) they wish to teach in order to qualify for Rhode Island teacher licensure. In some cases, such as certification in early childhood education, taking two or more of the appropriate Praxis subject assessments may substitute for the Principles of Teaching and Learning Exam. Check the Rhode Island Department of Education website for details on testing requirements.	Verification of teacher program completion at an approved school.	Yes
SC	Yes	South Carolina Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	The South Carolina State Board of Education requires that teachers seeking certification earn passing scores on the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and Praxis subject assessments.	provide a letter of recommendation for a teaching license from a teacher.	Yes
SD	No	South Dakota Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	To ensure that all new educators credentialed in South Dakota are highly qualified, prospective teachers in the state must show that they are skilled in their subject area by taking the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and Praxis content-area tests appropriate to their desired certification area and grade level(s).	South Dakota teacher candidates must also complete an acceptable human relations course and a course on South Dakota Indian studies as well as suicide awareness and prevention training. To see approved courses for these requirements, refer to the South Dakota Department of Education	No
TN	Yes	Tennessee Teacher Certification and Licensing Guide 2022 (teachercertificationdegrees.com)	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	The state of Tennessee requires that all applicants for initial instructional certification achieve passing scores on the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam that correlates to the grade level(s) to be taught, as well as the Praxis content-area exams appropriate to the subject(s) and grade level(s) to be taught.	Initial certificate issued is Practitioner Te	Yes
TX	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/texas/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and in-state teacher preparation program.	Texas Education Agency (TEA) or comparison NOTE: In order to evaluate potential teachers' knowledge of educational practices and pedagogy, Texas uses two test batteries that are unique to the state: The Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) and the Texas Examinations for Master Teachers (TExMaT). Your educator preparation program must authorize you to take these exams. After completing all required assessments, prospective educators are ready to apply for certification.	Credentials review is offered prior to app for a fee. Texas does not specify if they accept an education program out of state. They do offer reciprocity for people that hold out-of-state certificates. They also offer credentialed review as part of an Alternate method for a fee.	Yes
UT	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/utah/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and regionally accredited teacher preparation program.	All future educators in Utah must pass the Praxis subject assessments in the content area that they would like to teach before receiving certification.	Note that candidates who choose to attend a teacher preparation program that is not located in Utah must first apply for a license in the state where the preparation program is located. Utah does not offer reciprocity with any state. Every candidate will need to fill out an application and follow the steps located in the Out-of-State (OOS) License Application Checklist.	Yes
VT	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/vermont/	candidates are required to hold a bachelor's degree with a major in the liberal arts and sciences or an endorsable subject, complete an approved Vermont teacher preparation program with at least 13 consecutive weeks of student teaching, and pass the required content examinations. The Vermont Agency of Education only considers coursework that was taken for credit with a grade of "B" or better as meeting licensing requirements.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessment	Proof of teacher program completion at a state-approved teacher preparation school, along with institutional recommendation for licensure.	Yes
VA	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/virginia/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	The first is the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), a measure of academic skills that is required for teachers in all subject areas. Next, the Praxis subject assessments evaluate the teacher candidate's knowledge of his or her content area. Finally, the Reading Assessment is required for those pursuing endorsements in Elementary and Special Education.	The Virginia Department of Education also requires that prospective educators complete a child abuse recognition and intervention training course before becoming eligible for certification. The course is available online at no cost. The Virginia Department of Education also requires that prospective educators complete a child abuse recognition and intervention training course before becoming eligible for certification. The course is available online at no cost.	Yes
WA	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/washington/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Washington must pass a basic skills test and a content area test. The basic skills test is called the Washington Educator Skills Test – Basic (WEST-B), which assesses skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Candidates with high scores on the SAT or ACT may have the WEST-B testing requirement waived. The content area test that is required in Washington is called the WEST-E. Teacher candidates must pass this test, or an acceptable equivalent, in their chosen subject area(s) in order to earn subject endorsements on their certificates.		Yes
WV	Yes	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/west-virginia/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	In addition to educational requirements, prospective West Virginia educators must pass three Praxis Series tests: the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators, the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), and the appropriate Praxis subject assessments for each endorsement area.	Candidates for West Virginia teacher licensure must maintain a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or have a minimum overall graduate GPA of at least 3.0.	Yes

Education (Certification Programs, Undergraduate)

Lycoming College Education Programs that lead to certification are designed to meet the certification requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) provides help with state reciprocity processes. If you reside in a different state, please carefully review your home state's certification requirements prior to enrolling in this program. Links to each state's certifying agency are included below.

STATE	Curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure Yes; No	STATE LINKS	Education /Experience Requirements	Testing Requirements	Other Notes	NASDTEC Participant
WI	No	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/wisconsin/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	applicants must take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators to measure skills in reading, writing, and math. Next, applicants must show their competence in the subject area(s) to be taught by taking the appropriate Praxis subject assessments. Teachers seeking endorsements in early childhood, elementary education, special education, and reading must also take and pass the Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test. Those who wish to teach world languages must additionally take the ACTFL World Language Tests.	Additionally, all candidates must complete coursework in the study of Wisconsin Indian tribes and environmental education. A Provisional Educator License may be issued without this coursework provided that the applicant completes the requirements within the initial five year period. You can read more about these and other stipulations through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Finally, individuals pursuing certification in early childhood and elementary education must complete specific coursework in phonics.	Yes
WY	No	https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/wyoming/	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Wyoming does not require all teaching candidates to pass the Praxis series of exams. However, all teaching candidates must either have appropriate coursework in the US and Wyoming Constitutions or pass the Professional Teaching Standards Board exam for these subjects. Otherwise, the testing requirements are as follows by grade level: Candidates seeking endorsements in the secondary grades (6 to 12) may do so by earning an Institutional Recommendation for those subject(s) from the teacher preparation program completed instead of by testing. Candidates seeking subject-specific endorsements in the middle grades (6-8) must first earn a secondary grades license, and then take the appropriate Praxis subject assessment(s) to add a specific subject endorsement to their license. Candidates seeking endorsement in Elementary Education or Social Studies must take the appropriate Praxis subject assessments. World language endorsements for all grade levels require taking an Oral Proficiency Interview exam administered by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.	Graduates must be recommended for teacher licensure by the certification officer at the university. Candidates must also demonstrate completion of courses in the US and Wyoming Constitutions. Those who did not complete appropriate coursework may be required to take the Professional Teaching Standards Board exam covering these subjects.	Yes