



Professional Teaching Certification Requirements

There are currently four overarching options for individuals to acquire a Provisional (non-transferable) Professional Teaching Certificate. All licensure pathways require the following:

- » Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (IHE) with the minimum overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
- » Successful completion of the basic skills, content specialization and professional learning tests as described in the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory
- » Successful completion of state-approved program/coursework
- » Qualifying outcome on criminal history checks as defined in WVBE policy

Option 1: Traditional Certification Teacher Preparation Programs

Visit www.TeachWV.com to view West Virginia colleges and universities that offer educator preparation programs leading to a bachelor's degree, master's degree or providing coursework required for licensure at the graduate level as part of a post-bachelor's certification program.

Option 2: County-Based Alternative Certification Teacher Preparation Programs

Counties may partner with IHEs when an area of critical need and shortage exists to allow individuals to teach while they are completing a state-approved teacher program. Further direction and available partnerships are available for review at [County-based Alternative Certification Programs](#) and by contacting the local school district.

Option 3: State-Approved Teacher Preparation Coursework

This pathway was created in response to the passage of Senate Bill 14 to complete coursework pursuant to §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C). WVBE recognized coursework providers are available at [Approved State-Approved Coursework](#).

Option 4: WVDE Alternative Certification Programs

Under §18A-3-1j, WVDE provides alternative certification programs through multiple West Virginia colleges and universities to complete coursework approved by the WVDE. Approved programs including requirements for coursework and content-specific training(s) are available at [Approved WVDE Alternative Certification Programs](#).

For additional detailed information, refer to WVBE Policies 5202, 5100, and 5901, and wvde.us at Recruitment and Licensure Pathways. Direct questions to Educator Development and Support Services at 1-833-627-2833.