

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

- Hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative grade point average.
- Review the [list of approved programs](#) and their authorized endorsements.
- Contact the county to inquire about their needs for teachers and how to apply for jobs.
- If a qualifying offer of employment at the county is received, apply for enrollment into a program.
 - Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 - Meet basic skills requirements of the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#).
 - Meet content requirements of the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#) for the specific endorsement(s) sought.
 - General Education (must be met prior to enrollment)
 - Special Education (must be met upon completion)
 - If pursuing a General Education endorsement, you must have a related academic major or qualifying work experience. (If pursuing a Special Education endorsement, this is not required.)
- Successfully complete a [state-approved county-based alternative certification program](#).
- Meet professional education requirements of the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#) for the endorsement(s) sought.
- Earn an approved rating on the Comprehensive Evaluation Report (Form 25C).
- Apply for WV Provisional Teaching Certificate with [WVDE Certification Services](#).

This is a summary of requirements and does not supersede West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) policy. Please review to WVBE policy for complete details.

Questions may be directed to 1-833-627-2833 or visit our website for more information.