

West Virginia colleges and universities offer state-approved educator preparation programs leading to a bachelor's degree, master's degree or a post-bachelor's certificate. Candidates interested in the program are encouraged to follow the steps below to ensure they achieve licensure through a traditional teacher preparation program for certification.

- Earn high school diploma or equivalency.
- Meet entry requirements per institution.
 - Achieve identified overall GPA.
 - Earn minimum ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Apply for enrollment into [a traditional educator preparation program](#).
 - 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.
- Successful completion of a WVBE-approved teacher performance assessment.
- Successfully complete a [state-approved traditional program](#) including a clinical experience through the [West Virginia Residency Model](#).
- Possess an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Meet professional education requirements of the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#) for the endorsement(s) sought. (A qualifying teacher performance assessment may exempt individuals from this requirement.)
- 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.