

Under §18A-3-1j, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is authorized by the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to provide alternative certification programs in cooperation with SREB and multiple West Virginia institutions of higher education 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](#).

- Hold a bachelor's degree with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- 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.
- Review the list of approved programs, their specific coursework options (with option specific requirements) and authorized endorsements identified in the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#).
- Meet coursework option specific requirements if they exist (e.g. some coursework options require a valid substitute teaching permit and/or a minimum GPA of 2.75).
- Apply for enrollment into a program.
- Complete any endorsement (content) specific trainings required by the WVDE program you are participating in (e.g., the endorsements of Biology 9-Adult, Chemistry 9-Adult, Chemistry/Physics 9-Adult, Earth & Space Science 5-Adult, General Science 5-9 or 5-Adult, Physics 9-Adult may require additional lab-based training(s) prior to being officially recommended for licensure).
- Successfully complete a [state-approved WVDE Alternative Certification program](#) including meeting all requirements of the specific coursework option.
- Meet professional education requirements of the [WV Licensure Testing Directory](#) for the endorsement(s) sought.
- [Request](#) and receive an approved rating on the Comprehensive Evaluation Report if one is required by the program, as described on the WVDE website.
- 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.*