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OPTION 4
WVDE Alternative Certification Programs

Under §18A-3-1j, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is authorized by the State Board of Education to provide alternative certification programs in cooperation with Southern Regional Education Board (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 *State-Approved WVDE Alternative Certification Programs*.

Obtain a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
A cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for entry

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Review the list of *State-Approved WVDE Alternative Certification Programs*, their specific coursework options with option specific requirements and authorized endorsements

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Meet program and coursework option specific requirements if they exist.
These may include, but are not limited to:
a valid substitute teaching permit
a cumulative GPA that is higher than 2.75

Meet basic skills testing requirements of the *WV Licensure Testing Directory*

Meet content testing requirements of the *WV Licensure Testing Directory* for the specific endorsement(s) sought

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Apply for enrollment into the *State-Approved WVDE Alternative Certification Program* of your choosing

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If becoming a program participant of the WVDE Alternative Certificate Program, enroll into the WVDE approved coursework option you selected in the enrollment application.
Refer to the website for SREB program participant information.

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Successfully complete all required coursework of the program.

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Complete any endorsement (content) specific trainings required by the WVDE program you are participating in.
Trainings may include, but are not limited to:
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

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Meet professional education testing requirements of the *WV Licensure Testing Directory* for the endorsement(s) sought

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Request and receive an approved rating on the Comprehensive Evaluation Report if one is required by the program.

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Apply for WV Provisional Teaching Certificate with WVDE *Certification Services*
A mimimum GPA of 2.5 or higher is required