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Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure

The federal government requires institutions of higher education to notify prospective and currently enrolled students whether, upon successful completion of their University of Georgia degree program, they would be eligible to sit for licensure and/or certification exams in their state. To comply with this requirement, UGA's Mary Francis Early College of Education provides the links to the educator certification and/or licensure requirements for all 50 states. All educators must be certified in the state in which they work, and the requirements may vary greatly between each state. Additionally, states are continuously revising their educator certification rules and requirements. Though these requirements and information were accurate at the time of publication (October 2023) they may have since changed. **To ensure accurate information and for additional questions about a specific state's requirements, please refer to the links below.**

University of Georgia Doctorate programs that can lead to educator certification upgrade in the state of Georgia:

Communication Sciences and Disorders- PHD	Educational Psychology- PHD with a concentration in Gifted & Creative Education
Education – PHD with concentrations in Social Studies Education and Counselor Education and Supervision	Educational Theory and Practice- PHD with concentrations in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Teacher Education
Educational Leadership- EDD	Kinesiology- PHD with a concentration Physical Education
Language and Literacy Education- PHD with concentrations in World Language Education, English Education, Reading Education, Children's Literature and Language Arts P-5, Reading Education, Literature and Language Arts 6-12, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Mathematics Education – PHD
Science Education- EDD and PHD	Special Education – PHD
Workforce Education – EDD and PHD	

NOTES:

The programs listed above lead to a Georgia Certification Upgrade. Visit the [Georgia Professional Standards Commission](#) for more information. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission has reciprocity with all 50 states and D.C. Reciprocity does not mean that there may not be additional requirements for certification. The MFE College of Education has not determined where its programs will qualify a graduate to take the required exams in other states.



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Links to Certification and/or Licensure Requirements in each state

State	Link/URL
Alabama (AL)	https://www.alabamaachievers.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/
Alaska (AK)	https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/
Arizona (AZ)	http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/
Arkansas (AR)	https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/main.htm
California (CA)	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/out-of-state-app
Colorado (CO)	http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof
Connecticut (CT)	http://portal.ct.gov/SDE
Delaware (DE)	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification
District of Columbia (DC)	https://dcps.dc.gov/node/990682
Florida (FL)	http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/index.stml
Georgia (GA)	http://www.gapsc.com/
Hawaii (HI)	http://www.htsb.org/
Idaho (ID)	http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/
Illinois (IL)	http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-licensure.aspx
Indiana (IN)	https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/
Iowa (IA)	https://boee.iowa.gov/
Kansas (KS)	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-TL
Kentucky (KY)	http://education.ky.gov/teachers/NxGenProf/Pages/Certification.aspx
Louisiana (LA)	https://www.teachlouisiana.net/Teachers.aspx?PageID=650
Maine (ME)	http://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/
Maryland (MD)	https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx
Massachusetts (MA)	https://www.mass.gov/k-12-educator-licensing
Michigan (MI)	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/Services/ed-serv/ed-cert
Minnesota (MN)	https://education.mn.gov/MDE/lic/
Mississippi (MS)	http://www.mdek12.org/OEL
Missouri (MO)	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification
Montana (MT)	http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Become-a-Licensed-Montana-Educator



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Nebraska (NE)	https://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/
Nevada (NV)	https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/
New Hampshire (NH)	http://www.education.nh.gov/
New Jersey (NJ)	http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/
New Mexico (NM)	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/
New York (NY)	http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/
North Carolina (NC)	http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/licensure/
North Dakota (ND)	https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure
Ohio (OH)	http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure
Oklahoma (OK)	https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification
Oregon (OR)	https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/pages/teacher-licensure.aspx
Pennsylvania (PA)	https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx
Rhode Island (RI)	http://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/EducatorCertification.aspx
South Carolina (SC)	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/
South Dakota (SD)	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/
Tennessee (TN)	https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing.html
Texas (TX)	http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/
Utah (UT)	https://www.schools.utah.gov/licensing
Vermont (VT)	https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure/become-a-vermont-educator
Virginia (VA)	http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/
Washington (WA)	http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/
West Virginia (WV)	http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/
Wisconsin (WI)	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing
Wyoming (WY)	https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/