



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 Specialist programs that can lead to educator certification in the state of Georgia:

Education- EDS with a concentration in Workforce Education	Educational Administration and Policy- EDS
Educational Psychology- EDS with a concentration in School Psychology	Learning, Design and Technology- EDS with a concentration in P-12 Instructional Technology
Professional Counseling/Professional School Counseling MED/EDS Dual Degree Program	

NOTES:

The programs listed above lead to a Georgia Initial Certification. 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.

GACE Exams for some programs are required for certification but are not required for UGA graduation. For more information on GACE visit the GACE site at <https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/CertificationLicensureAssessments/contentAssessments.aspx> .



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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/