



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 Non-Degree programs that can lead to educator certification in the state of Georgia:

Gifted & Creative Education Endorsement	ESOL Endorsement	Educational Leadership
Coaching Endorsement	Agricultural Education	Middle School Education
Dyslexia Endorsement	Art Education	Family and Consumer Sciences Education
K-5 Math Endorsement	Business Education	Mathematics Education
Online Teaching Endorsement	Dance Education	Science Education
Reading Endorsement	Educational Administration and Policy	Instructional Technology
Special Education Preschool Endorsement	Health and Physical Education	Marketing Education
School Nutrition Director	Technology Education	TESOL and World Language Education
Workforce Education		

*The college of education partners with Agricultural Education, Art Education, Dance, Music Education Family and Consumer Sciences Education, School Nutrition in providing initial certification for candidates seeking certification in those areas.



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NOTES:

The programs listed above lead to a Georgia Initial Certification. Visit the [Georgia Professional Standards Commission](https://www.gapsc.com/) 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> .

Links to Certification and/or Licensure Requirements in each state

State	Link/URL
Alabama (AL)	https://www.alabamaachieves.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.shtml
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



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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
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/espblicensure
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/



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Wisconsin (WI)	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing
Wyoming (WY)	https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/