

Guide to Initial Licensure in Kansas' surrounding states



Always check with the state department of education of the state you are interested in getting licensed. Generally, the process is easier and more expedient if you hold a Kansas license first, then apply out-of-state, but it is not required. This is intended as a guide to assist you in planning for licensure in other states – for comprehensive information, check the website of the state you are interested in. A list of websites for other state departments of education is available at: <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/DivisionofLearningServices/TeacherLicensureandAccreditation/Postsecondary/EducatorPreparation/ApprovedEducatorPreparationPrograms.aspx>

CENTRAL STATES EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

There is an exchange agreement between Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, North Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma. The agreement applies only to those individuals who are applying for an INITIAL Kansas license and who do not meet the requirements for a Kansas Initial License. The agreement allows individuals who have completed a state approved teacher education program or school specialist program in their home state and who hold a standard valid license in that state to receive a two-year Exchange License in Kansas. During the two-year period, all deficiencies must be completed. Examples of deficiencies are: pre-licensure examinations or recency credit. Administrative endorsements are not included in the agreement.

NOTE: Oklahoma alternative licensure/certification does not fall within the exchange agreement.

COLORADO



<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof> (for most up-to-date information)

An **Interim Authorization License** is issued to a first-time applicant who **holds a license issued by another state**, but doesn't have the requisite content exam(s) passed. An Interim Authorization may be renewed only once. Upon successful completion of the content exam(s), an applicant may then apply for an Initial License.

An **Initial Teacher License** may be issued to an applicant who meets requirements except does not have three or more consecutive years of licensed experience in the content area(s) of preparation.

- Holds a bachelor's or higher degree from an [accepted, regionally accredited institution of higher education](#).
 - Has completed an approved teacher preparation program at an accepted institute of higher education.
 - An application must be submitted to CSDE before testing requirements will be conveyed to applicant. Each application is evaluated on an individual basis. A pedagogy test such as the PLT is not required.
- The Colorado Department of Education only accepts content knowledge tests administered by PLACE or Praxis II. PLACE was designed and developed for Colorado, whereas Praxis II is a nationwide test.
 - Colorado accepts Praxis II tests in certain subject areas. Please check that the test for which you are registering is approved by the State of Colorado and accepted for the [endorsement](#) that you are seeking. [NOTE: the Praxis test required in Kansas for Elementary Education is NOT accepted.]

Other important links:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements>

Out-of-State FAQ: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/outofstatefaq>

Reciprocity and Interim Authorizations: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/coloradoreciprocity>

Fingerprinting: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/fingerprints> (yes, it can be done out-of-state as long as the instructions are followed)

NEBRASKA



<http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/index.html>

To qualify for an Initial Regular Teaching Certificate:

- * Must complete a Human Relations Training (check on their website for a list of pre-approved courses) and Special Education Training requirement (usually covered within your teacher education program).
- * Complete basic skills competencies (CORE) **or** have two or more consecutive years of employment in an accredited school while **holding a regular certificate from another state** on the basis of completion of an approved teacher education program. Cut scores needed: CORE Reading 156, Math 150, Writing 162.
- * Applicable Praxis Subject Area Assessment.

If you do not qualify for an Initial Regular Teaching Certificate, you may be issued a two-year, non-renewable Provisional Teaching Permit. You have two years to complete the deficiency.

OKLAHOMA



<http://www.ok.gov/sde/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#otherstate>

Requirements

The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person who **holds a valid out-of-state license**. The certificate to teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state certificate. A person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate shall not be required to take any competency examinations in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state certificate. The individual applying must hold full certification in the state from which they are coming to be eligible for the provisional in Oklahoma.

An out-of-state applicant will be issued a two year provisional teaching certificate. In order to be eligible for a five year standard teaching certificate, they must complete one year of successful employment with an Oklahoma accredited school, college or university.

If the applicant **does not hold a Kansas license**, they will need to send a Verification of State-Approved Teacher Education Program to the Licensure Officer of the institution the program was completed from. Applicant will need to pass the appropriate Oklahoma examination(s). This form is available at <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#otherstate>.

MISSOURI

<http://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification>



An individual **with a valid teaching certificate from another state** can be granted a comparable certificate in Missouri. Verification of certification from the other state must be provided. Depending on the number of previous years of teaching experience, the individual may qualify for an initial or career certificate. If you **do not hold a valid out of state license**, your application will be evaluated based on current Missouri requirements.

An applicant who possesses a valid professional certificate from another state may be granted a Missouri certificate in an area most closely aligned to the certification if Missouri issues such certificate. If an educator is completing or has completed a teacher education program in another state (either on campus or online), it would be beneficial to obtain that state's certificate whether one plans to reside in that state or not. In most cases, a Missouri certificate is issued with no further coursework or test requirements.