

STATE REQUIREMENTS

GCU provides you with the opportunity to be involved in a student teaching/credentialing program, but does not guarantee certification. Because the programs are accredited in the state of Arizona, the College of Education follows its IR verification process for successful program completion.

There are generally three pathways for teacher candidates to complete the requirements for initial teacher certification:

- Meet Arizona requirements for certification with an IR from GCU
- Meet individual state requirements with a GCU degree
 - Teacher candidates earn a GCU degree as part of their own state requirement
 - States may have additional requirements including, but not limited to:
 - Additional coursework
 - General content, pedagogy and subject-specific content exams
 - Performance evaluations/demonstration of proficiency
- Meet Arizona certification requirements and apply for a certificate or license through reciprocity agreements between Arizona and a particular state
 - You must complete all requirements for Arizona certification
 - In receipt of the Arizona certificate, you can submit an application to your state to be certified or licensed
 - Reciprocity is not automatic; there may be additional requirements per state (e.g. teaching experience).

Teacher candidates who reside in states other than Arizona or who plan to teach in a state other than Arizona should review the specific requirements for their respective state department of education to determine the certification requirements of their state. You can also request assistance from your teacher education specialist.

Alabama <https://tcert.alsde.edu/Portal/Public/Pages/SearchCerts.aspx>

Alaska <https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/Certification.html>

Arizona <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/>

Arkansas <http://www.arkansased.gov/educators/>

California <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/out-of-state.html>

Colorado http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/Licensure_FirstTimeApp.asp

Connecticut <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&Q=321230>

Delaware https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/certificate/deeds_ia_instruct.aspx

District of Columbia <http://osse.dc.gov/service/educator-licensure-services>

Florida <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/teacher-edu-program-graduates.shtml>

Georgia <http://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/StepsToTeach/Home.aspx>

Hawaii <http://www.htsb.org/>

Idaho http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/

Illinois <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/default.htm>

Indiana <http://www.doe.in.gov/licensing>

Iowa <http://www.iowa.gov/boee/>

Kansas <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=306>

Kentucky <http://kyepsb.net/certification/certFAQ.asp>

Louisiana <http://www.teachlouisiana.net/>

Maine http://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/letter_1.htm

Maryland http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_inf/apply/docs/obtain_2.htm

Massachusetts <http://www.doe.mass.edu/Educators/directory.html>

Michigan http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795-17063--,00.html

Minnesota <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html>

Mississippi <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OEL>

Missouri <http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/teachcert/edcert.html>

Montana <http://opi.mt.gov/cert/index.html>

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

Nevada http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/

New Hampshire <http://education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm>

New Jersey <http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/>

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New Mexico <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/index.html>
New York <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>
North Carolina <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/licensure/steps/>
North Dakota <http://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/apply3.html>
Ohio <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Out-of-State-Licensure>
Oklahoma <http://www.ok.gov/sde/teacher-certification>
Oregon <http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/index.aspx>
Pennsylvania <http://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.VINtBHarSCg>
Rhode Island <http://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/Overview.aspx>
South Carolina <http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/>
South Dakota <http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatq/teachercert.aspx>
Tennessee <http://www.tn.gov/>
Texas http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/
Utah <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/>
Vermont <http://education.vermont.gov/licensing>
Virginia http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml#out_state
Washington <http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/Teacher/Residency.aspx>
West Virginia <http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/>
Wisconsin <http://tepd.dpi.wi.gov/licensing/out-of-state-applicants>
Wyoming <http://ptsb.state.wy.us/Licensure/BecomingLicensed/tabid/65/Default.aspx>