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State	Education Requirements	Testing	Temporary Certificate Offered	Sped Ed. Endorsement-see <a href="http://specialeducationguide.com">specialeducationguide.com</a>	ELL Endorsement-see <a href="http://www.eslteacheredu.org">http://www.eslteacheredu.org</a>	Other Notes
Alabama	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Subject Assessments or equivalent test; may be waived if candidate has 3 years of professional teaching experience.	Emergency Certificate if candidate meets all requirements except testing.	In general, the ALSDE will grant a candidate with a valid out-of-state teaching license a comparable license to teach in Alabama, except at the doctorate level.	ESL courses PRAXIS II ESOL	
Alaska	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	<a href="https://education.alaska.gov/FAQ/TeacherCertification/All#q26">Basic Competency Exam. See https://education.alaska.gov/FAQ/TeacherCertification/All#q26</a>	Non-renewable one-year Tier I Initial Certificate while meeting State requirements	Yes, Undergraduates seeking to become special education teachers typically major in education or special education	Through an institutional recommendation By earning an academic major or minor in the ESL subject area By earning the relevant Praxis II exam score	
Arizona	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	<a href="#">Professional and Subject Knowledge exams – See the Arizona Department of Education for accepted exams. May be waived with three years of full-time teaching experience.</a>	Reciprocity candidates receive non-renewable 3-Year Reciprocal Provisional Teaching Certificate; converted to 6-Year certificate after two years of successful teaching in Arizona and meeting state requirements.	bachelor's degree from an accredited institution before pursuing an initial teaching certificate. 45 semester hours of education courses, including 21 hours in special education and eight hours of practicum.	Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Elementary; AND Elementary Education (Subtests I and II) <b>SEI</b>	CRC Required from Arizona. Candidates must take state-approved courses in the Arizona and US Constitutions or pass an equivalency exam to upgrade to a standard teaching certificate.
Arkansas	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Basic skills, content area, and pedagogy testing for the certificate held. Waived with three years of teaching experience or comparable certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).	Provisional license for reciprocal teacher certification candidates who meet all requirements except Content or Pedagogy testing.	The Office of Educator Licensure will add the new area upon receipt of a completed and signed licensure application form requesting the new area with a copy of the Praxis II Specialty Area score report reflecting a passing score for the area to be added.	The Office of Educator Licensure will add the new area upon receipt of a completed and signed licensure application form requesting the new area with a copy of the Praxis II Specialty Area score report reflecting a passing score for the area to be added.	CRC Required from Arkansas. Endorsements in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Middle Childhood, or Secondary Social Studies require approved course in Arkansas History.

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California	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	California's Basic Skills test	Preliminary certificate if all requirements except testing are met.	<a href="https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl808.pdf?sfvrsn=988051f8_0">Applicants who want to teach special education students must apply for a Education Specialist Instruction Credential. In addition to a bachelor's degree special education teachers must complete a teacher preparation program that focuses on special education. https://www.ctc.ca.gov/docs/default-source/leaflets/cl808.pdf?sfvrsn=988051f8_0</a>	Any teacher assigned to provide instruction to English learners (ELs) will need an authorization for instruction to ELs in addition to an authorization in the content area of instruction. The authorization is based on the rights and needs of the students to an appropriate education.	Candidates with less than 2 years of experience must complete an approved teacher induction program. Candidates with less than 2 years of experience must complete an approved teacher induction program.
Colorado	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	PLACE or Praxis Subject Assessments in select areas required; waived with 3 years full-time teaching experience.	No	Your "Added Endorsement" application and supporting documents will be evaluated to determine the endorsement(s) for which you qualify in Colorado. This evaluation will be based on your approved program and may require you to submit course descriptions to clarify the content of your special education program.	<a href="#">Colorado's version of an ESL endorsement is the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Educator endorsement. This endorsement does not stand alone and you must have the 24 credit hours as we outline in our worksheet, so we will ask you to take and pass a content exam in another content area, so that we may issue you a license with both endorsements. Most commonly, applicants will take and pass one of the Colorado-approved content exams in Elementary Education</a>	CRC Required from Colorado.

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Connecticut	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. Teacher preparation waived with 30 months of full-time experience.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments in content area required. Candidates who wish to teach Early Childhood or Elementary Education must also take the Connecticut Foundations of Reading test, administered by Pearson. Early Childhood and Elementary Education teachers must also pass the Connecticut Teacher Certification Examinations (CTCE) Early Childhood exam.	<a href="http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/cert/obtaining1109aw.pdf">http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/cert/obtaining1109aw.pdf</a>	Teachers who hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate with endorsements in integrated early childhood special education, elementary education, middle grades education, secondary academic subjects, special subjects, or special education may cross endorse among these same endorsement areas, provided that they complete appropriate testing and course work requirements. Please note that to add endorsement #112, #113 or #102, an institutional recommendation from a regionally accredited college or university upon completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program in the specific area is required. 30 credits of special ed courses	Complete a State-Approved Educator Preparation Program Pass the PRAXIS II Examination Apply for Certification as an ESL Educator in Connecticut Achieve a Provisional and Professional Teaching Certificate Achieve Cross-Endorsement in TESOL	All Connecticut school employees must submit a state and national criminal background check at least 30 days before being placed in a school.
Delaware	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school	Based on credentials evaluation. Praxis CORE or Praxis Subject Assessments may be required after review.	No	Must include coursework in special education	15 credits in additional coursework Structure of the Eng Lang, Second Lang testing, Teaching Literacy for ELL, Second Lang Acquisition, Methods of Teaching ELL	Delaware state law requires teachers to submit to a state and federal criminal background check and a child protection registry check before being placed in a school.
Florida	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school.	Comparable basic knowledge, content, and pedagogy exams. The next step is to complete the required Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE). Those who pass all three sections of the exam will qualify for a Florida Professional Certificate.	Temporary certificate in area of bachelor's degree major if basic knowledge or pedagogy exam requirements are not met for 3 years.	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/administrative-rules/6a-4-01795.stml">http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/administrative-rules/6a-4-01795.stml</a>	15 semester hours (five courses) or (300 in-service hours) in the ESOL subject area (these courses must be approved by the Florida Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification in a course-by-course analysis):	Submit fingerprints for a background check. Teaching license must be equivalent to Florida Professional Certificate.

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<p>Georgia</p>	<p>The new, four-tier certification process for beginning teachers in Georgia includes a Pre-Service certification, which is required for candidates to complete the mandatory student teaching assignment. Candidates who successfully complete a bachelor's degree, a teacher preparation program, and the Pre-Service requirements will be eligible for an Induction certificate for beginning teachers.</p>	<p>Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators required if less than 5 years experience or who have not previously passed a content assessment.</p>	<p>Teaching license must be Professional or equivalent; temporary or provisional not accepted.</p>	<p>Completion of a state-approved educator preparation program or possession of a professional out-of-state educator certificate (valid or expired). If you are certified out-of-state, please include a copy of your out-of-state certificate with the application package. If not, please submit an Approved Program Completion Form (.pdf) (requires Adobe Reader) completed by your college or university; Induction level or higher passing score on the appropriate GACE content assessment, or exemption. If you are exempting the GACE assessment with an out-of-state certification exam, please submit a copy of your official score report with your application package; Completion of a course in identifying and educating exceptional children is not required for initial issuance of an Induction Pathway 3 certificate, but it is required for conversion to a Professional certificate or reissuance</p>	<p>Program Admission Test English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Test The ESOL assessment covers your specific knowledge relating to the field of ESL, and is divided into two subtests that are each 2.5 hours in length, which can also be taken simultaneously over the course of five hours:</p> <p>Test I – evaluates the subjects of language, culture, and professionalism, including a listening segment as part of the language portion</p> <p>Test II – implementing, managing, and planning classroom instruction and assessment</p>	<p>As in all US states, all prospective Georgia public school employees must submit to state and federal background checks. Georgia also employs an additional screening method called the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) National Clearinghouse, which is a national searchable educator discipline system. If applicants have been disciplined by another state, Georgia will honor the sanctions imposed by that state, which could result in the rejection of an application for Georgia teaching certification.</p>
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Hawaii	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. 3 out of last 5 years full-time teaching experience required for Standard certificate based on reciprocal teaching certification.	Have at least a Bachelor's Degree; and Hold a valid Hawaii teaching license (PK-3, K-6, K-12); and Demonstrate subject matter competence by one of the following options: Passed the Praxis II test for the content area assignment or Earned 30 semester credits in the content area area assignment or Earned National Board Certification in the content area assignment or For teachers with one or more years of teaching experience earned 100 points through the HOUSSE rubric requirements; and Be properly assigned at the grade levels for which the teacher is licensed.	Provisional certificate if experience requirements are not met.	Add new field to license through evaluation or credits from approved institution	Core Academic Skills for Educators Exam English to Speakers of Other Languages Exam Principles of Learning and Teaching Exam Courses that are related to ESL as a subject will take you through topics such as:  Linguistics and language arts English grammar and writing English reading History of ESL	Like most states, Hawaii requires all public school employees to submit to a state and federal background check. Applicants typically submit a fingerprint card for a criminal history record check as part of the teacher preparation program requirements prior to completing fieldwork. Content knowledge can also be waived with NBPTS certification or master's degree.
Idaho	New teachers who have completed a bachelor's degree and an educator preparation program at an accredited school will be eligible for the Initial Certificate, which is a renewable certificate valid for five years.	Praxis Subject Assessments required unless hold bachelor's degree in endorsement area.	<a href="#">If the applicant holds a current, valid certificate in another state and submits a complete application, the applicant may receive a three (3)-year Idaho interim certificate (upon clearance of the background investigation check). The interim certificate will allow the applicant to work in an Idaho school in the certificated/endorsed area indicated on the interim certificate while completing any Idaho coursework and/or testing requirements. Once all deficiencies noted on the interim certificate are completed, the applicant may apply for a renewable, five (5)-year initial Idaho certificate (IDAPA 08.02.02.015).</a>	Apply for additional Revision-Graduates must complete a special education teaching certification program that meets the standards of both the Idaho State Board of Education and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or pursue a master's degree that includes the special education coursework required for state certification.	<a href="#">Cross-Cultural Communication and Understanding</a> At least four to nine upper-division semester credits in a modern language other than English These should include writing and literature These should also meet the standards for advanced proficiency as set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)	

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Illinois	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school.	Test of Academic Proficiency and content-area tests required if no equivalent out-of-state exams passed.	Provisional certificate if missing testing or state-specific coursework.	A test of basic skills**	ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development 18 semester hours of college coursework: Elective (additional bilingual or ESL course) Cross cultural studies for teaching limited English proficient students Methods and materials for teaching ESL Assessment of the bilingual student Theoretical foundations of teaching ESL Linguistics	Must have 32 hours of content area coursework and coursework in reading and ESL/bilingual methods for Professional certificate.
				LBS I (155) OR Teacher of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired (150) OR Teacher of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (151) OR Speech Language Pathologist; Teaching (153)/Special Education	Methods of Teaching ESOL	
				Special Education General Curriculum Test (163)		
				Student teaching completed <b>prior to 8/31/15</b> : edTPA**** or APT		
				Student teaching completed <b>9/1/15 or later</b> : edTPA****		
Indiana	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school.	Indiana CORE Assessments and Developmental/Pedagogy exams required.	One-year reciprocal teaching license if missing testing or coursework.	Create Application for Addition to License-To be Highly Qualified (HQ), one who is licensed in Special Education without other licensure area(s) must pass the appropriate licensing exam(s) for one of the Core Academic Subject (CAS) area(s)	Certified teachers who want to add an ENL license must take ESL courses and pass the ESL exam	Expired out-of-state teaching licenses are not accepted. All candidates must be certified in CPR/AED/Heimlich and suicide prevention for professional certificate.
Iowa	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	<a href="#">Testing requirements based on candidate's graduation date.</a>	One-year exchange (reciprocal teaching) license if coursework or testing requirements not met.	<a href="http://www.boee.iowa.gov/endorsements/endorsements_teacher_specialed.html">http://www.boee.iowa.gov/endorsements/endorsements_teacher_specialed.html</a>	EdTPA ESL K12 test <a href="http://www.boee.iowa.gov/endorsements/endorsements_teacher_specialed.html">http://www.boee.iowa.gov/endorsements/endorsements_teacher_specialed.html</a>	Must complete human relations coursework for Initial license. Must have 6 college credits or teaching experience in last five years.

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Kansas	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Content and pedagogy tests in Kansas or comparable exams completed in another state if less than three years of teaching experience in last six years.	Yes, if testing requirements are not met.	<a href="http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Licensure/License-Requirements/Endorsement-Requirements">http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Licensure/License-Requirements/Endorsement-Requirements</a>	Intro to linguistic science, Language and culture, Methods and materials for teaching ESL, Foundations of second language acquisition	Teacher preparation program waived for secondary teaching if candidate has offer for hire from a Kansas school.
Kentucky	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Subject Assessments required if less than two years of teaching experience in endorsement area.	No	<a href="http://lrc.ky.gov/kar/016/004/020.htm">http://lrc.ky.gov/kar/016/004/020.htm</a>	Linguistics Sociolinguistics ESL assessment and testing English as a second language ESL teaching materials and methods, ESL exam	Reciprocity is not recognized for out-of-state certificates based on testing only
Louisiana	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Louisiana Praxis and NTE exams are required for a Level 1 Professional Certificate; waived with at least three years of verified teaching experience in another state or one year of experience in Louisiana with superintendent recommendation.	Three-year out-of-state certificate if testing requirements are not met.	<a href="https://www.teachlouisiana.net/teachers.aspx?PageID=3008">https://www.teachlouisiana.net/teachers.aspx?PageID=3008</a> -Graduate degrees in education or special education must include both pedagogical coursework and fieldwork to qualify students for licensure.	<a href="https://www.teachlouisiana.net/teachers.aspx?PageID=3008-eslteacheredu.org">https://www.teachlouisiana.net/teachers.aspx?PageID=3008-eslteacheredu.org</a>	If candidate has not taught in the last five years, six semester credits related to endorsement area must be completed before license can be issued.

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Maine	Bachelor's degree from accredited school.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments required in each area of certification.	No	<a href="http://maine.gov/doe/cert/initial/requirements.html">http://maine.gov/doe/cert/initial/requirements.html</a> -NOTE: The number in ( ) indicates the number of semester hours required. - Section A: 1. Bachelor's degree conferred 2. Special education (Courses may not include severe, deaf, blind, American Sign Language, or gifted and talented. We will accept one autism course and one applied behavioral analysis course.) (24) 3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints Section B: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I Reading Test: #5712 Score 156 Writing Test: #5722 Score 162 Mathematics Test: #5732 Score 150 Composite Score 468 Section C: PRAXIS II Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood: CK Test Code 5691 Score159	five ESL courses .Reading for Multilingual Learners (methods category) English (applied linguistics category) Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in the Classroom (culture category) ESL Testing and Assessment (assessment category) Content-Based Curriculum for English Language Learners (curriculum category)	Candidate should request credential evaluation before applying.
Maryland	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Must show passing score on comparable content exams taken in another state.	Conditional certificate if candidate has offer for hire from a Maryland school.	<a href="http://archives.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_info/apply/docs/obtain_8.htm">http://archives.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/certification/certification_branch/certification_info/apply/docs/obtain_8.htm</a> -For special education, obtains 30 credits of which at least 15 credits are in the age-appropriate area of special education and 15 are in related areas	<a href="http://www.eslteacheredu.org/maryland/">http://www.eslteacheredu.org/maryland/</a>	Candidate must request credential evaluation before applying for reciprocal teacher certification.

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Massachusetts	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) required. No other tests are accepted.	Temporary or preliminary if candidate teaches a core subject but does not qualify for required Sheltered English Language (SEI) endorsement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of a Massachusetts Severe Disabilities All Levels Approved Program</li> <li>Achieve a passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills test</li> <li>Possession of a bachelor's degree</li> <li>Possession of a Massachusetts Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) Teacher Endorsement.</li> <li>Achieve a passing score on the General Curriculum multi-subject subtest</li> </ul>	<p>If you already hold a teaching license in Massachusetts you can add an ESL license on top of this. To accomplish this you will need to complete a classroom practicum or internship in ESL totaling at least 150 hours as well as pass one of the following subject matter tests:</p> <p>English as a Second Language Test English Language Learners Test</p>	Teacher preparation program waived with three years of teaching experience under a valid certificate in another state.
Michigan	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) may be required based on credentials evaluation.	Temporary Teacher Employment Authorization if testing requirements are not met. Provisional certificate after testing requirements satisfied.	Complete another state's approved endorsement program with less than 20 semester hours of coursework. Hold the endorsement on a valid, standard out-of-state teaching certificate.	Complete another state's approved endorsement program with less than 20 semester hours of coursework. Hold the endorsement on a valid, standard out-of-state teaching certificate.	Must teach for three years on Provisional certificate to earn Professional certificate
Minnesota	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Minnesota Teacher Licensing Examinations (MTLE) required. No other tests are accepted.	Limited licensure if testing or coursework requirements not met.	At this time, endorsements to an existing license are requested via paper application on Educator Licensing homepage.	At this time, endorsements to an existing license are requested via paper application on Educator Licensing homepage. MTEL ELL	Minnesota Human Relations coursework required for five-year license
Mississippi	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Core subject test such as Praxis Subject Assessments passed for certification in issuing state.	Two-year license if testing requirements not met.	<a href="#">Supplemental areas of certification may be added to a 5-year standard license. Submit an application to the Office of Educator Licensure with appropriate documentation.</a>	<a href="#">Supplemental areas of certification may be added to a 5-year standard license. Submit an application to the Office of Educator Licensure with appropriate documentation.</a>	Institutional Recommendation required for select endorsement areas.
Missouri	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Typically none – Missouri transfers out-of-state licenses to the closest in-state equivalent under teacher reciprocity.	Based on equivalency.	Missouri typically grants reciprocity to qualified candidates who earned their academic degrees and teaching certificates out of state. These candidates must submit their valid certificates for evaluation and, in most cases, they will not have to complete additional requirements or take any tests to receive a Missouri teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 credits ESOL practicum</li> <li>Language and culture or sociolinguistics</li> <li>Linguistics and English linguistics</li> <li>Material for teaching English to speakers of other languages and the assessment of speakers of other languages</li> <li>Methods of teaching second language students</li> <li>Second language acquisition</li> </ul>	Institutional Recommendation required if out-of-state license has expired

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Montana	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved or NCATE/CAEP accredited teacher preparation program.	Praxis Subject Assessments required.	Other temporary class licenses issued based on specific deficiencies.	Your college or university must complete a university recommendation form verifying you have completed the requirements for program completion. You will need to submit a transcript (official paper or electronic) and the college or university will need to send in the signed university recommendation form. <a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/FAQ/faq.html#endorsement">http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/FAQ/faq.html#endorsement</a>	Your college or university must complete a university recommendation form verifying you have completed the requirements for program completion. You will need to submit a transcript (official paper or electronic) and the college or university will need to send in the signed university recommendation form. <a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/FAQ/faq.html#endorsement">http://www.opi.mt.gov/cert/FAQ/faq.html#endorsement</a>	University Recommendation (Institutional Recommendation) from educator preparation program required for Standard license.
Nebraska	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments required.	Temporary or provisional certificate if coursework or testing requirements not met.	<a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/Gtchcert.html">https://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/Gtchcert.html</a> For a Subject endorsement, kindergarten through grade six (K-6), or grades seven through twelve (7-12), a minimum of 42 semester hours is required, of which 30 semester hours must be special education content coursework; or 006.57D2 For a Field endorsement, kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12), a minimum of 51 semester hours is required, of which 36 semester hours must be special education content coursework.	Assessment and evaluation of English language learners (ELLs) Cross-cultural communication English language/linguistics Methods/curriculum design in English as a second language Second language acquisition Practicum	Coursework in Human Relations and Special Education required for regular teaching certificate.

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Nevada	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core, Praxis PLT, and Praxis Subject Assessments required. Candidate must also pass exams in Nevada School Law and Nevada and US Constitutions.	No	<a href="http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/Specific_Areas_of_Licensure/">http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/Specific_Areas_of_Licensure/</a>	12 semester credits of specific coursework to get an ESL endorsement. You must take three credits from each of these areas:  Theories for the acquisition of a second language Methods and materials for teaching English as a second language Developing a curriculum for pupils studying English as a second language OR  Testing and evaluation of pupils studying English as a second language	All requests for reciprocity are based on evaluation.
New Hampshire	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and three years of experience out of last seven in an Interstate Certification Contract state.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments required.	See other notes	Those who choose to enter a master's or doctorate program should check with the NHDOE's educator certification procedures to confirm that their course of study includes the required pedagogical coursework, core content coursework and fieldwork to qualify them for New Hampshire educator or special educator licensure.	Earn a TESOL Degree and Complete a Teacher Prep Program Pass the Praxis II ESL Exam	<a href="#">Candidates who do not meet experience requirement or are not transferring from an Interstate Certification Contract state may qualify under equivalency or other alternative certification routes.</a>
New Jersey	Bachelor's degree with 2.75 GPA or higher from regionally accredited school, state-approved or NCATE/CAEP accredited teacher preparation program, and two years of "effective" rated experience within last 3 years.	Praxis Subject Assessments required.	Only if equivalent temporary certificate held in another state.	<a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/instructcert.htm">http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/instructcert.htm</a> Out-of-state educators can apply to have their valid teaching licenses recognized for reciprocity in New Jersey. A candidate's New Jersey license will contain the same subject matter areas, grade levels or endorsements as his or her out-of-state license, as long as the NJDOE has a comparable license and endorsement	English language proficiency tests- both must be passed with a score of Advanced Low or better American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)	Experience requirement waived with NBPTS certification.

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New Mexico	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program and at least one year of teaching experience.	Must have passed teacher competency exam in jurisdiction where current teaching license was issued.	No	<a href="http://www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/2010/endorsements/index.html">http://www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/2010/endorsements/index.html</a>	<a href="http://www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/2010/endorsements/index.html">http://www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/2010/endorsements/index.html</a> - <a href="#">NES K-12 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) test.</a>	Approved program and testing requirements waived with NBPTS certification. License level for reciprocal teaching certification issued is based on years of teaching experience.
New York	Bachelor's degree with 2.5 GPA or higher from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program that meets New York approval standards and three years of public school teaching experience in one state.	Must take New York's edTPA, Educating All Students, Academic Literacy Skills, and Content Specialty exams through NES. NBPTS certified teachers are exempt from exam requirements.	Conditional certificate if candidate meets all requirements except edTPA exam or workshops.	New York State issues the following special education certificate titles:	Review for reciprocity To receive a review, you must apply for certification through TEACH online. ALST test EAS test CST ESOL EdTPA eng as an additional language test	Initial certificate requires taking workshops in child abuse, school violence prevention, needs of children with autism, and training in harassment, bullying, and discrimination.
				Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2)		
				Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)		
				Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12) - Generalist		
				An applicant who holds a K-12 Special Education certificate in another state may be eligible for Students with Disabilities certificates at multiple grade levels if their program, or experience, satisfies the requirements for certification through reciprocity.		

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<p>North Carolina</p>	<p>Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.</p>	<p>Praxis Subject Assessments required. Elementary and Exceptional Children endorsements also require North Carolina Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum exams.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>If you hold a clear teaching license with no restrictions, you can add an area to your license by taking and passing the State Board of Education approved Praxis II Test and/or Pearson Test(s) (not all tests are recognized by North Carolina), by completing a state approved teacher education program that leads to licensure, or by completing 24 hours in the subject area with a grade of C or better in each course. Out-of-state individuals who are approved for a NC teaching license in the primary area of certification may also be granted a NC teaching license in any content area(s) that were subsequently added to the initial license by passing a licensure exam in another state, provided NC has a comparable license area.</p>	<p>If you hold a clear teaching license with no restrictions, you can add an area to your license by taking and passing the State Board of Education approved Praxis II Test and/or Pearson Test(s) (not all tests are recognized by North Carolina), by completing a state approved teacher education program that leads to licensure, or by completing 24 hours in the subject area with a grade of C or better in each course. Out-of-state individuals who are approved for a NC teaching license in the primary area of certification may also be granted a NC teaching license in any content area(s) that were subsequently added to the initial license by passing a licensure exam in another state, provided NC has a comparable license area.</p>	<p>Whether candidate receives Standard Professional 1 or 2 depends on years of experience.</p>
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North Dakota	Bachelor's degree with at least a 2.50 GPA from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments required.	Interim certificate if coursework or testing requirements not met.	You apply for endorsements online through your ND Teach account. Once you are logged in, you can begin an application and select the option to add an Endorsement through ESPB.	You apply for an ELL endorsement online through your ND Teach account. Once you are logged in, you can begin an application and select the option to add an Endorsement through ESPB. Then select the option for general endorsements and then English Language Learner option. The ELL Endorsement can be added to an early childhood, elementary, or secondary teaching license. The endorsement is added when you apply for the endorsement. You then have 2 years to meet the requirements. Coursework can be taken to complete the requirements or you can challenge the ELL Praxis test. Link to the Praxis test: <a href="https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5361">https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5361</a>	North Dakota Native American and Multicultural Studies course required for Initial license.
Ohio	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) or Praxis Subject Assessments may be required based on evaluation.	Resident educator license if less than 3 years of experience.	The OEL's out-of-state licensure guidelines indicate that the ODE grants reciprocity to educators who trained and/or obtained licensure in other states, so long as they meet coursework requirements and take Ohio-mandated teacher exams. <a href="http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Out-of-State-Licensure">http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Out-of-State-Licensure</a>	English to Speakers of Other Languages test	Must have at least 12 semester hours of reading pedagogy.
Oklahoma	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Oklahoma General Education, Subject Area, and Professional Teaching exams or out-of-state equivalents required.	No	<a href="http://sde.ok.gov/sde/education-profession-enhancements">http://sde.ok.gov/sde/education-profession-enhancements</a>	<a href="http://sde.ok.gov/sde/education-profession-enhancements">http://sde.ok.gov/sde/education-profession-enhancements</a> apply for ESL	Verification of experience required.
Oregon	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Must have passed acceptable subject matter exam or the Oregon Educator Licensure Assessments (ORELA). Test of US and Oregon civil rights laws and ethics also required.	Reciprocal teaching license is temporary based on fulfilling deficiencies.	<a href="http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/Out_of_State.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/Out_of_State.aspx</a>	18 credits: linguistics, written languages tech and ESL practicum	State of initial certificate must be NASDTEC member.

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Pennsylvania	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Acceptable basic skills, subject matter, and pedagogy assessments required. Must meet Pennsylvania's qualifying scores for any exam(s) taken.	No	<a href="http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-FAQs.aspx#tab-1">http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-FAQs.aspx#tab-1</a>	<a href="http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-FAQs.aspx#tab-1">http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Certifications/Pages/Certification-FAQs.aspx#tab-1</a>  <a href="#">15 academic credits you will also need to complete at least 60 hours of student teaching, fieldwork, or practicum experience involving teaching ESL students in a classroom environment.</a>  15 academic credits you will also need to complete at least 60 hours of student teaching, fieldwork, or practicum experience involving teaching ESL students in a classroom environment.	Teacher preparation program requirement waived with 2 years of experience.
Rhode Island	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core, Praxis PLT, and Praxis Subject Assessments required for most subjects and grade levels.	Qualified applications for teaching reciprocity between states leads to a Temporary Initial Educator Certificate.	<a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/AboutthisSite/SearchResults.aspx?q=Adding+Endorsement&amp;cx=008299334994399521686%3agarnretpgve&amp;cof=FORID%3a9&amp;safe=inactive">http://www.ride.ri.gov/AboutthisSite/SearchResults.aspx?q=Adding+Endorsement&amp;cx=008299334994399521686%3agarnretpgve&amp;cof=FORID%3a9&amp;safe=inactive</a>	At least 18 semester credits in each of the following areas: Introduction to English linguistics ESL program methods and curricula Theories in first and second language acquisition English language learner secondary language literacy ESL education and socio-cultural considerations	Certificate held must be NASDTEC Stage 3 or higher.

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South Carolina	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis PLT and Praxis Subject Assessments required.	No	<a href="http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/advancing-certification/adding-certificate-areas/">http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/advancing-certification/adding-certificate-areas/</a>	<a href="http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/advancing-certification/adding-certificate-areas/The_English_to_Speakers_of_Other_Languages_Exam_lasts_two_hours_during_which_time_you_will_answer_120_questions_that_pertain_to_the_following_subjects:">http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/advancing-certification/adding-certificate-areas/The English to Speakers of Other Languages Exam lasts two hours, during which time you will answer 120 questions that pertain to the following subjects:</a>  Foundations of language learning and linguistics The planning, management, and implementation of instruction ESL assessments, their strengths, and their limitations Cultural and professional aspects of being an ESL teacher	Temporary, lateral, or alternative certificates are not eligible for reciprocal teacher certification. Teaching certificate issued depends on years of experience.
South Dakota	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Praxis Subject Assessments required.	One-year certificate if missing coursework or testing requirements.	<a href="http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/spedendorsement.aspx">http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/spedendorsement.aspx</a>	<a href="http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/spedendorsement.aspx">http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/spedendorsement.aspx</a> The specific ESL requirements to add this field as a primary or secondary endorsement are 18 semester credits in the following, as well as a practicum, internship, or student teaching segment with K-12 students:  Linguistics ESL curriculum development Teaching ESL to English language learners	Coursework in human relations and South Dakota Indian studies required for unrestricted license.
Tennessee	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core, Praxis PLT, and Praxis Subject Assessments required for most subjects and grade levels.	No	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/add-an-endorsement">http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/add-an-endorsement</a>	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/add-an-endorsement">http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/add-an-endorsement</a> English to Speakers of Other Languages Exam Practicum	Initial certificate issued is Practitioner Teacher.
Texas	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	<a href="#">Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) or comparable exams in another state required.</a>	One-year certificate if testing requirements are not met.	<a href="http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Additional_Certification_by_Exam_Information/">http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Additional_Certification_by_Exam_Information/</a>	<a href="http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Additional_Certification_by_Exam_Information/">http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Additional_Certification_by_Exam_Information/</a> ESL Exam #154 for adding an ESL certification to an existing certificate, valid for all grades	Credentials review is offered prior to application for a fee.

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Utah	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and NCATE/TEAC/CAEP accredited teacher preparation program.	Praxis Subject Assessments required. No other exams accepted.	No. All qualifying requests for reciprocity receive a Level 1 Utah Educator License.	<a href="https://www.schools.utah.gov/tech/educatorendorsements">https://www.schools.utah.gov/tech/educatorendorsements</a>	<a href="https://www.schools.utah.gov/tech/educatorendorsements">https://www.schools.utah.gov/tech/educatorendorsements</a> -4 courses lang and linguistics, cultural diversity, ESL Instruction, ESL assessments practicum	Educator ethics review also required. Candidates with less than 3 years of experience must participate in Early Years Enhancement.
Vermont	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core and Praxis Subject Assessments required.	No	<a href="http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-transcript-review-adding-endorsement">http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-transcript-review-adding-endorsement</a>	<a href="http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-transcript-review-adding-endorsement">http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-transcript-review-adding-endorsement</a>	All qualifying requests for reciprocity from NASDTEC states receive a Level 1 Professional Educator's License.
Virginia	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), Praxis Subject Assessments required. Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) required for select endorsements. Assessments waived with 3 years of full-time teaching experience.	No	<a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/homefiles/search_results/vdoe-search.shtml?cx=000783915327965917031%3Aydjbl4xbjgo&amp;cof=FORID%3A10&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;q=adding+endorsement&amp;sa=Search">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/homefiles/search_results/vdoe-search.shtml?cx=000783915327965917031%3Aydjbl4xbjgo&amp;cof=FORID%3A10&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;q=adding+endorsement&amp;sa=Search</a>	<a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/homefiles/search_results/vdoe-search.shtml?cx=000783915327965917031%3Aydjbl4xbjgo&amp;cof=FORID%3A10&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;q=adding+endorsement&amp;sa=Search">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/homefiles/search_results/vdoe-search.shtml?cx=000783915327965917031%3Aydjbl4xbjgo&amp;cof=FORID%3A10&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;q=adding+endorsement&amp;sa=Search</a> A Virginia Department of Education-approved ESL educator preparation program All of the ESL Academic Course Requirements	Teacher preparation program requirement may be waived with current and valid teaching certificate from another state or NBPTS certification. Child abuse recognition and intervention and emergency first aid training required.
Washington	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Washington Educator Skills Tests (WEST) B and E or comparable exams taken in another state.	Yes. Typically, approved reciprocal candidates receive a temporary residency certificate.	<a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher/Endorsement.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher/Endorsement.aspx</a>	<a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher/Endorsement.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher/Endorsement.aspx</a> You must meet the requirements for your ELL endorsement to be able to get certified as an ESL teacher in Washington. If you took your ESL endorsement courses and either completed your practicum or have teaching experience, you are qualified to get Washington's ELL endorsement after you pass the WEST-E exam.	Coursework in issues of abuse required to upgrade to a Professional certificate.
Washington D.C.	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program. Teacher preparation waived with 30 months of full-time experience.	Comparable basic skills, content, and pedagogy exams. Pedagogy waived with 3 years of full-time teaching experience.	No			Teaching license must be equivalent to DC's Level II.

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West Virginia	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and state-approved teacher preparation program.	Praxis Core, Praxis PLT, and Praxis Subject Assessments required for most subjects and grade levels.	No	<a href="http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/">http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/</a>	<a href="http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/You%20can%20add%20an%20ESL%20endorsement">http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/You can add an ESL endorsement</a> if you are a licensed elementary or secondary school teacher. Two West Virginia schools offer you the opportunity to enroll in TESOL (teaching English as a second language program) certification programs. In both cases, you will have to take graduate level ESL coursework.	
Wisconsin	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Praxis CORE in any state required. Praxis Subject Assessments taken in Wisconsin required. Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test (FORT) required for certain endorsements.	No	<a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/fqs">https://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/fqs</a>	<a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/fqs">https://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/fqs</a> You must have at least 27 semester hours of ESL coursework from a regionally-accredited college or university, and nine of those hours must have been earned in the last five years English speakers of other languages exam	Reciprocity is not granted for alternative route certificates or those based on testing only. Tests must be passed prior to applying for a license.
Wyoming	Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited school and teacher preparation program.	Must have passed the educator exams for the state in which a teaching certificate is currently held.	No	<a href="http://ptsb.state.wy.us/Licensure/AddedEndorsement/tabid/112/Default.aspx">http://ptsb.state.wy.us/Licensure/AddedEndorsement/tabid/112/Default.aspx</a>	<a href="http://ptsb.state.wy.us/Licensure/AddedEndorsement/tabid/112/Default.aspx">http://ptsb.state.wy.us/Licensure/AddedEndorsement/tabid/112/Default.aspx</a> -You must have at least 27 semester hours of ESL coursework from a regionally-accredited college or university, and nine of those hours must have been earned in the last five years English speakers of other languages exam	Alternate route certifications issued by another state can be reciprocated only if candidate has taught in that area for 3 out of the last 6 years.