

Reciprocal Licensing Plans

Reciprocity plans allow educators from outside North Carolina to establish eligibility for licensing in this state. Reciprocity applies to the extent that out-of-state education programs are equivalent to North Carolina's standards and guidelines for approved education programs. Certain requirements specific to North Carolina, such as the Praxis Series tests, are not covered by reciprocity and must be met before a clear North Carolina license can be issued.

North Carolina recognizes four teacher education and reciprocal licensing approaches:

- completion of an education program accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- completion of an education program that follows National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) standards
- reciprocity based on interstate agreements. North Carolina has reciprocal contracts with

Alabama	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Alaska	Maine	Oregon
Arkansas	Maryland	Pennsylvania
California	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Colorado	Michigan	South Carolina
Connecticut	Mississippi	Tennessee
Delaware	Nebraska	Texas
Florida	Nevada	Utah
Georgia	New Hampshire	Vermont
Hawaii	New Jersey	Virginia
Idaho	New Mexico	Washington
Illinois	New York	West Virginia
Indiana	North Dakota	Wyoming
Kansas	Ohio	District of Columbia
Kentucky	Guam	

- completion of a state-approved program not accredited by NCATE, approved through the interstate agreement, or based on NASDTEC guidelines.

Reciprocity does not guarantee that all areas of licensure will transfer directly from one state to another, but applicants will receive the closest comparable North Carolina areas. In some cases, North Carolina grade level definitions (e.g., elementary and secondary) may differ from those in other states, and such a difference may be reflected on the North Carolina license.