

Teacher Education

State Authorization

The U.S. Department of Education requires compliance with state regulations of any state in which Berry College provides distance education for students. Berry College has joined the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) to meet compliance with state regulations. The Teacher Education Department at Berry College offers Graduate Programs that are fully on-line and hybrid degree programs and certificate courses to residents of states other than Georgia. Berry College undergraduate programs offer face-to-face programs and certificate courses to residents of states other than Georgia. NC-SARA membership does not grant reciprocity or exempt us from state professional licensing requirements. Licensing requirements in Georgia may not be recognized as sufficient to obtain a license in any other state. Certain programs may require practicums, guided experiential learning, internships or student teaching that would cause State Authorization.

Based on information from the Education Commission of the States “most states have policies in place to extend reciprocity for certain teachers, but few states provide full reciprocity for all fully licensed teachers from other states.

- Eight states offer full teacher license reciprocity for all eligible, fully licensed teachers. In these states, fully licensed out-of-state teachers, regardless of experience, are immediately eligible to receive a standard teaching license and are subject to few or no additional requirements.
- Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia differentiate requirements for experienced and inexperienced teachers, limiting licensure barriers for candidates meeting established experience requirements. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia require candidates with classroom experience to provide evidence of effectiveness in past performance, oftentimes limiting barriers for candidates who can demonstrate prior success.
- Thirty-one states require some or all out-of-state teacher candidates to take additional coursework or training prior to entering a classroom or within a certain number of years of teaching. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia require that some or all out-of-state teacher candidates take additional assessments.
- Thirty-eight states offer special reciprocity for military spouses.”

<https://internal-search.ecs.org/comparisons/teacher-license-reciprocity-all>

<https://internal-search.ecs.org/comparisons/teacher-license-reciprocity-01>

Student Responsibility

It is the student’s responsibility to review the specific academic requirements for the program in which they are enrolling. Berry College advises graduate students to review every aspect of their major including those related to practicums, internships and student teaching. It is recommended that each student contact the applicable licensure board in their state of residence or in the state where they intend to obtain a license before beginning an academic program that results in licensure and prior to beginning any practicum, internship or student teaching.

Teaching Certificates

Berry College discloses that Teaching Certification Degrees will fulfill state educational requirements for professional licenses in Georgia. Most licensure boards have additional requirements beyond successful degree completion to obtain a license. State laws, regulations and policies can change at any time and may affect you before completion of your program. Berry College shall not be held liable if a student is unable to qualify for licensure or certification in any jurisdiction or cannot obtain a practicum, internship or student teaching location. For any questions regarding licensure, please contact the state/territory agency directly.

Education Degree Programs for undergraduates

All of these courses are face to face.

Art Education (P-12)

Music Education (P-12)

Elementary Education

Middle-Grades Education

Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology

Secondary Education with a concentration in Chemistry

Secondary Education with a concentration in French

Secondary Education with a concentration in German

Secondary Education with a concentration in History

Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics

Secondary Education with a concentration in Physics

Secondary Education with a concentration in Political Science

Secondary Education with a concentration in Spanish

Autism Endorsement

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement

Reading Endorsement

Graduate Education Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Teaching and the Pedagogy only programs are designed to be face to face and have the same concentrations as the undergraduate programs listed above. The MAT is designed for individuals who possess degrees in majors other than education and wish to become initially certified in teaching fields comparable to their undergraduate degrees. Additional state certification assessments may be required before receiving educator certification or a GaPSC license.

Endorsements are also offered at the Graduate Level face to face.

Autism Endorsement

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement

Reading Endorsement

The programs listed below have been approved to be offered totally on-line or hybrid at Berry College.

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction

M.Ed in Educational Leadership TIER I

Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction

Ed.S. in Educational Leadership TIER II

Tier I Educational Leadership Certificate Only (add-on)

Tier II Educational Leadership Certificate Only (add-on)

Teacher Education Accreditation

the Charter School of Education and Human Sciences Teacher Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) is a unit consisting of both undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs that collaborate on the design, delivery, approval and accreditation of all programs. Berry College's Teacher Education Programs are fully accredited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

The GaPSC has provided a website of approved programs leading to certification in the state of Georgia:
<https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/ApprovedPrograms/EducationApprovedPrograms.aspx>

Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure

Upon completion of the teaching program, Berry College graduates will have satisfied all educational requirements in the state of Georgia.

Berry's curriculum does not satisfy educational requirements for licensure in the following 49 states, U.S. territories, and District of Columbia:

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Florida	Hawaii
Idaho	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas
Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts
Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana
Nebraska	Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New Mexico
New York	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina	South Dakota
Tennessee	Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming	District of Columbia
American Samoa	CNMI	Guam	Puerto Rico	U.S. Virgin Islands

For More Information

Applicants/students are encouraged to determine the specific requirements for any jurisdiction, including the state of Georgia, in which they intend to teach, by contacting the jurisdiction board.

Visit the [teacher education listing from NC-SARA](#) for state education board contact information.

State of Georgia Contact

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

200 Piedmont Avenue SE

Suite 1702, West Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334-9032

800-869-7775

[GaPSC Website](#)

[GaPSC - Email Contact](#)

Resources

<https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/certification/georgia/>

<https://www.alleducationschools.com/teacher-certification/georgia/>

<https://internal-search.ecs.org/comparisons/teacher-license-reciprocity-01>

<https://www.ecs.org/50-state-comparison-teacher-license-reciprocity/>