

Initial Teaching Certification Programs (B.A., M.A., M.A.T., Post-Baccalaureate Certification)

This disclosure applies to the B.A. in Elementary Education, Post-baccalaureate Certification in Elementary Education, B.A. in Biology Education, B.A. in Music Education, M.A.T in in Secondary Ed (Math; Science), and M.A. in Special Education.

The initial teacher certification programs at Clark Atlanta University are designed to prepare students for licensure in the state of Georgia, and the educational requirements to obtain licensure outside of Georgia vary significantly. The table below indicates, for each state, whether CAU's programs meet or do not meet the educational requirements for initial licensure or whether CAU has not been able to determine if the programs meet the state requirements. In states where the programs meet the educational requirements, there are often additional program-related conditions that must be met (*e.g.*, a minimum GPA). In several states, some of CAU's programs meet requirements while others do not. Furthermore, in states where CAU does not meet requirements, an applicant who has a license and experience teaching in Georgia may be able to apply for a license in that state based on reciprocity. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the regulatory agencies where they would like to teach.

The states and territories may have additional requirements, including minimum scores on Praxis exams, other written and oral examinations, completed applications, fees, and background checks. Each state board, agency and or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.

Please review the table below closely to determine if the programs meet the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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State/Territory	Regulatory Body	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Alabama	Alabama State Department of Education		X	

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Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development – Teacher Certification Office	For a 2-year, non-renewable initial teaching certificate in Alaska, as long as the program completer has also met all of Georgia's associated testing requirements for licensure in Georgia. Completion of 6 semester hours of Alaska-specific coursework is required to extend the certificate to a third year.		
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education	X		
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education		X	
California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing		X	
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office		X	
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Certification		X	
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education		X	
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education	X		
Florida	Florida Department of Education	For a Temporary Florida Educator Certificate (3 year, non-renewable) in comparable teaching area.		
Georgia	Georgia Professional Standards Commission	X		
Hawaii	Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	For a Provisional License (3 year, non-renewable) in comparable teaching area.		
Idaho	Idaho State Department of Education		X	
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Education		X	

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Indiana	Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing		X	
Iowa	Iowa Board of Educational Examiners			X
Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education		X	
Kentucky	Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board		X	
Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Education		X	
Maine	Maine Department of Education	BSEd in Secondary Education (English, Math, History, Political Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics), BME in Music Education	BSEds in Elementary/Special Education, The Holistic Child, and Middle Level Education; all MATs	
Maryland	Maryland State Department of Education			X
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Educator Licensure		X	
Michigan	Michigan Department of Education			X
Minnesota	Minnesota Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board			X
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education	X		
Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			X
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction	Meets but requires completion of a free online course entitled “An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana”		
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education		X	
Nevada	State of Nevada Department of Education	BME in Music Education only	All other initial certification programs	
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing			X

State/Territory	Regulatory Body	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Education – Office of Certification and Induction	BSEds in Secondary Education (English and Chemistry) and BME in Music Education only; 3.0 GPA minimum	All other initial certification programs	
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Education Department	BSEds in Secondary Education, BSEd in Elementary/Special Education, and BSEd in The Holistic Child	All other initial certification programs	
New York	New York State Department of Education – Office of Teaching Initiatives			X
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	X		
North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board		X	
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education	BSEd in Secondary Education; BME in Music Education; MAT in Secondary Education	BSEds in the Holistic Child, Elementary/Special Education, and Middle Level Education, and the MATs in Elementary Education and Middle Grades Education require additional coursework in reading instruction (12 credit hours; including 3 in phonics).	
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education			X
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission		X	
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education	Meets but requires 3.0 GPA		

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Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education	BSEd in Secondary Education (English, Math, History, Political Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics), BME in Music Education, BSEd in Elementary/Special Education, The Holistic Child	BSEd Middle Level Education; all MATs	
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education	X		
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education	For 1-year Provisional Certificate (additional course required: SD-approved Indian Studies Course for an initial certificate)		
Tennessee	Tennessee State Board of Education	X		
Texas	Texas Education Agency		X	
Utah	Utah State Board of Education		X	
Vermont	Vermont Agency of Education	X		
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education	Meets but additional training modules are required in Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention; Emergency First Aid, CPT & AED; and Dyslexia Awareness		
Washington	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board	For a Residency Certificate		
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education	X		
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction		X	
Wyoming	Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board	Meets but applicant must demonstrate knowledge of Wyoming and US Constitutions, usually through an exam.		
American Samoa	Unknown			X

State/Territory	Regulatory Body	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Guam	Guam Commission for Educator Certification	Meets for an Initial Educator Certificate (3-year, non-renewable)		
Northern Mariana Islands	Unknown			X
Palau	Unknown			X
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Education			X
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Education	BSEd in Elementary/Special Education and in Middle Level Education	All MATs; BSEd in Secondary Education; BME in Music Education (educational technology course required)	BSEd The Holistic Child

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