

Appendix: Iowa Teacher Licensure Requirements

Iowa-Specific Terminology

Ohio Term	Iowa Term
Resident Educator License	Initial Teaching License
Intervention Specialist	Instructional Strategist
Primary Education	Elementary Education

Iowa Based Students-Specific Initial Teacher Licensure Program Admittance Requirements

Requirement	Bachelor of Science Degree Pathway	Post-Baccalaureate Pathway
Academic Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 2.75 GPA for admittance to teacher preparation programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university Minimum 2.75 GPA in bachelor's degree coursework
Basic Skills Assessment	<p>Successful completion of the following assessments of basic knowledge:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Core Academic Skills for Educators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5723) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5733) OR Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined (5752) OR <p style="text-align: center;">Praxis ParaPro Assessment (1755)</p>	
Educator Disposition Assessment	Complete the Educator Disposition Assessment	
Additional Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Program Declaration Form Submit Program Acknowledgement Form Complete the Admittance and Licensure Overview Module 	
Background Clearance	COE Verified Credentials Background Clearance	

	*More background clearances may be required by school districts
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Iowa Based Students-Specific Clinical Fieldwork Experience Requirements

Phase I: Clinical Field Experience (prior to student teaching)

Professional Code of Ethics

Must adhere to Iowa Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics: [Iowa Administrative Code 282-25](#)

Required Clock Hours

- Prior to admission to the Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience, each teacher candidate shall complete all assigned clinical hours of field experience required prior to Phase II Clinical Student Teaching.
 - 36 core hours of clinical field experience are required each fall and spring semester starting when candidates are enrolled in EDP 405 until they begin Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience
 - Any deficit hours must be completed and verified prior to student teaching approval
- Must include experiences across grade levels within certification area
- Field experiences must be integrated throughout the preparation program

Required Field Activities

Field experiences must include:

- Observation in diverse settings
- Guided practice in lesson planning and delivery
- Working with diverse learners including:
 - Students with special needs
 - English language learners
 - Students from various socioeconomic backgrounds
 - Students from different cultural backgrounds
- Professional development activities
- Interaction with families and community members

Phase II: Clinical Student Teaching Experience

Professional Code of Ethics

Must adhere to Iowa Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics: [Iowa Administrative Code 282-25](#)

Cooperating Teacher Requirements:

- Valid Iowa teaching certificate in the subject area of supervision

- Minimum of 3 years of satisfactory teaching experience
- Must be teaching in the certification area of the student teacher
- Must complete training in supervision of student teachers

Iowa Based Students-Specific Student Teaching Hours, Placement(s) and Assessments

- Minimum of 14 weeks of full-time student teaching
- Placements must be in Iowa Department of Education-approved schools
- Must include experience with diverse student populations
- Successfully log a minimum of 6 university supervisor observations and 6 cooperating teacher observations during student teaching
- Successfully pass student teaching midterm and final assessments

Iowa Based Students-Specific Program Completion and Certification Requirements

- Teacher candidates will earn a 2 Year Resident Educator License for Ohio and then apply for an Iowa Initial Teaching License in their licensure area via reciprocity.

Content & Pedagogy Area Tests

- Candidates are required to complete the Ohio Assessments for Educators in order to earn an Ohio license.
- Passing the content area assessment is a requirement for approval to begin clinical student teaching.
- Passing the pedagogy and/or reading assessments is a requirement for program completion.

Franklin Program	Ohio Certification	Iowa Certification/Endorsement	Content Assessment	Pedagogical Assessment	Reading Assessment
B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education	2 Year Resident Educator Primary (PreK-5) License	Initial Teaching License K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom	OAE 055: Primary Education (PK-5)	OAE 057: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Primary Education (PK-5)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate	2 Year Resident Educator Intervention Specialist (K-12) License Mild/Moderate Needs (K-12)	Initial Teaching License K-8 Instructional Strategist I: Mild Moderate and 5-12 Instructional Strategist I: Mild Moderate	OAE 043: Special Education	OAE 004: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading

B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Moderate to Intensive	2 Year Resident Educator Intervention Specialist (K-12) License Moderate/Intensive Needs (K-12)	Initial Teaching License Instructional Strategist II: Behavior Disorders/Learning Disabilities (Age 5-21) and Instructional Strategist II: Intellectual Disabilities (Age 5-21)	OAE 043: Special Education	OAE 004: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Middle Childhood Education	2 Content Areas/2 Endorsements			OAE 002: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Middle Childhood (4-9)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Language Arts and Reading	Initial Teaching License 5-8 Middle School Language Arts	OAE 028: Middle Grades English Language Arts		
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Mathematics	Initial Teaching License 5-8 Middle School Mathematics	OAE 030: Middle Grades Mathematics		
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Science	Initial Teaching License 5-8 Middle School Science	OAE 029: Middle Grades Science		
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Social Studies	Initial Teaching License 5-8 Middle School Social Studies	OAE 031: Middle Grades Social Studies		
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Adolescence to Young Adult Education	1 Content Area/1 Endorsement			OAE 003: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	N/A
	2 Year Resident Educator Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12) License Integrated Language Arts	Initial Teaching License 5-12 English/Language Arts	OAE 020: English Language Arts		
	2 Year Resident Educator Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12) License Integrated Mathematics	Initial Teaching License 5-12 Mathematics	OAE 027: Mathematics		

	2 Year Resident Educator Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12) License Integrated Social Studies	Initial Teaching License 5-12 Social Sciences	OAE 025: Integrated Social Studies		
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Teacher Performance Assessment

- Candidate performance assessment is conducted through approved preparation programs according to their program requirements and Iowa Department of Education guidelines.

Reciprocity Steps

- 1) First candidates will follow the steps for Ohio Application for Certification
- 2) Once Ohio Certification is approved, candidates will follow the steps for Iowa Application for Certification

Ohio Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- Connected Ohio Records for Educators system (CORE) online application
- Official transcripts
- Test scores (OAEs as required for certification area)
- Application fee: See Ohio Department of Education website for up-to-date fees

Clearances:

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check
- FBI criminal background check

Ohio Resources and Support

Ohio Department of Education

State Board of Education

William Green Building

30 West Spring Street, 12th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

Phone: 855-983-4868

Website: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/home>

Certification Resources

- CORE Portal: <https://ohid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ohid/>
- Ohio Teacher Certification Information: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure/information-and-resources>

Iowa Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- Iowa educator license application system
- Official transcripts
- Verification of program completion from preparation program- Teaching License Recommendation - Non-Iowa Institution Form
- Copy of Ohio 2 Year Resident Educator License
- Application fee: See Iowa Department of Education website for up-to-date fees

Clearances:

- Federal background check and fingerprinting via Fieldprint

Iowa Resources and Support

Iowa Department of Education

400 E 14th St

Des Moines, IA 50319

Phone: (515)-281-5294

Website: <https://educate.iowa.gov/>

Testing Resources

- Praxis testing: <https://praxis.ets.org/>
- OAE testing: <https://www.oh.nesinc.com/>

Certification Resources

- Iowa Teacher Certification Information: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educator-quality/become-educator>
- Application Portal: <https://iowaboee.my.site.com/s/login/SelfRegister>
- Iowa Application Information: <https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure/faq#background-checks>
- Iowa Educator Licensure FAQs: <https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure/faq>