

# Appendix: Tennessee Teacher Licensure Requirements

## Tennessee-Specific Terminology

Ohio Term	Tennessee Term
Resident Educator License	Practitioner License
Intervention Specialist	Interventionist
Primary Education	Elementary Education

## Tennessee Based Students-Specific Initial Teacher Licensure Program Admittance Requirements

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

<b>Background Clearance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students who need to obtain field experience hours for courses are required to have a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) background check and FBI background check</li> <li>• More background clearances may be required by school districts</li> </ul>
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## Tennessee Based Students-Specific Clinical Fieldwork Experience Requirements

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

#### Professional Code of Ethics

#### 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 Phase II Clinical 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

#### *Cooperating Teacher Requirements:*

- a regular Tennessee License for the teaching assignment,
- at least four years of teaching experience,
- and a history of positive evaluations from their principal or supervisor.

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

- Minimum of 14 weeks of full-time student teaching
- Placements must be in Tennessee 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

## Tennessee Based Students-Specific Program Completion and Certification Requirements

- Teacher candidates will earn a 2 Year Resident Educator License for Ohio and then apply for the Tennessee Practitioner License for their certification area.

## 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	Tennessee Certification Area	Tennessee Certification Content Area	Content Assessment	Pedagogical Assessment	Reading Assessment
<b>B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education</b>	Practitioner License Elementary Education K-5	N/A	OAE 055: Primary Education (PK-5)	OAE 057: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Primary	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading

				Education (PK–5)	
<b>B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate</b>	Practitioner License Interventionist	(K-8 and 6-12)	OAE 043: Special Education	OAE 004: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK–12)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
<b>B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Middle Childhood Education</b>	Practitioner License	<b>2 Content Areas</b>		OAE 002: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Middle Childhood (4–9)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
		Middle Grades Language Arts 6-8	OAE 028: Middle Grades English Language Arts		
		Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8	OAE 030: Middle Grades Mathematics		
		Middle Grades Science 6-8	OAE 029: Middle Grades Science		
		Middle Grades Social Science 6-8	OAE 031: Middle Grades Social Studies		
		Mathematics 6-12	OAE 027: Mathematics		

**Teacher Performance Assessment**

- Educators who obtain TN licensure based on an active out-of-state license are not required to take the edTPA or Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching Assessment.
- Candidate performance assessment is conducted through approved preparation programs according to their program requirements

**Tennessee Literacy Success Act**

Beginning August 1, 2023, candidates seeking to obtain, renew, or advance a teaching license with at least one qualifying endorsement must demonstrate compliance with TLSA requirements when submitting licensure transactions. Educators may elect to demonstrate compliance using one of the below pathways. Both the trainings and the assessment are free to all educators.

- Foundational Literacy Skills Training: Complete Course 1 of either the [Early Reading Training](#) or [Secondary Literacy Training](#).

OR

- Assessment: Pass the Tennessee Early Literacy Assessment (TELA). The [Tennessee Early Literacy Assessment \(TELA\)](#) is now available online.

## 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 Tennessee 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>

# Tennessee Application for Certification

## Required Documentation

- TNCompass online application
- Out-of-State Educator Preparation Verification form
- Transcript emailed to [Educator.Licensure@tn.gov](mailto:Educator.Licensure@tn.gov)
- Tennessee Literacy Success Act Requirement
- Application fee: See Tennessee Department of Education website for up-to-date fees

## Clearances:

- Criminal background check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

## Tennessee Resources and Support

### *Tennessee Department of Education*

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

Phone: (615) 741-5158

Website: <https://www.tn.gov/education.html>

### *Testing Resources*

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

### *Certification Resources*

- Out-of-State Educators: <https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/educator-licensure/out-of-state-educators.html>
- Tennessee Teacher Certification Information: <https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/educator-licensure.html>
- Criminal Background Check Information: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-professionals/criminal-background-check/cbc-instructions.html>