

Appendix: Colorado Teacher Licensure Requirements

Colorado-Specific Terminology

Ohio Term	Colorado Term
Resident Educator License	Initial License
Intervention Specialist	Special Education
Primary Education	Elementary Education

Colorado 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 (CASE): Reading (5713) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Writing (5723) Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Mathematics (5733) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Combined (5752) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <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 *Districts may require additional background check clearances
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Colorado Based Students-Specific Clinical Fieldwork Experience Requirements

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

Professional Code of Ethics

Must adhere to the [Model Code of Ethics for Educators \(MCEE\)](#)

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

Must adhere to the Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE)

Cooperating Teacher Requirements:

- A valid Colorado professional teaching license
- Three (3) years of successful teaching experience in the licensure area required for the current position
- Must be teaching in the certification area of the student teacher
- Must complete training in supervision of student teachers

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

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

Colorado Based Students-Specific Program Completion and Certification Requirements

Content, Pedagogy Area & Reading Tests

- Candidates in Colorado will qualify to hold an Ohio license and are required to complete the Ohio Assessments for Educators.
- 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	Colorado Certification Area	Content Assessment	Pedagogical Assessment	Reading Assessment
B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education	Initial Elementary Education (K-6) License	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	Initial Special Education Generalist (Ages 5-21) License	OAE 043: Special Education	OAE 004: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Adolescence to Young Adult Education	Initial English Language Arts (6-12) License	OAE 020: English Language Arts	OAE 003: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	N/A
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Adolescence to Young Adult Education	Initial Secondary Mathematics (6-12) License	OAE 027: Mathematics	OAE 003: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	N/A

B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Adolescence to Young Adult Education	Initial Social Studies (6-12) License	OAE 025: Integrated Social Studies	OAE 003: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	N/A
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Teacher Performance Assessment

- Colorado does not require a teacher performance assessment for certification.
- Candidate performance assessment is conducted through approved preparation programs according to their program requirements and CDE guidelines.

Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- Multiple Measures of Content Competency Endorsement Worksheet for licensure area
- Colorado Online Licensing system (COOL) application
- A valid form of government-issued identification
- A copy of an official transcript for every college/university attended
- An approved program verification form (APV)
- Application fee: See Colorado Department of Education website for up-to-date fees

Clearances:

- Colorado Bureau of Criminal Investigation (CBI) background check

Colorado Resources and Support

Colorado Department of Education

201 East Colfax Ave.

Denver, CO 80203

Phone: 303-866-6600

Website: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/>

Testing Resources

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

Certification Resources

- COOL Portal: <https://cool.randasolutions.com/>
- Colorado Teacher Certification Information: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof>
- Out-of-State Licensure Checklist: <https://ed.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/outofstateteacher>