



Initial Teaching Certification Programs (BAEd, MAT)

This disclosure applies to the Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Art in Teaching degree programs.

The initial teaching certification programs at Covenant College are designed to prepare students for certification in the state of Georgia and are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), 200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334-9032. Successful completion of one of Covenant's programs plus passing scores on related GaPSC-approved Content Pedagogy and GACE Content Assessments leads to eligibility for a Level 4 induction certification for BA elementary education completers and Level 5 induction certification for MAT completers.

Each state or territory regulatory body responsible for education dictates the requirements to obtain licensure or certification in that jurisdiction. Generally, the educational requirements are met when a student earns a degree from an accredited institution and passes associated tests or assessments. However, most jurisdictions require applicants already possess a license or certificate from the state where they completed their degree to be eligible. Additional conditions must often be met (e.g., a minimum GPA or specific professional development), and applications may require minimum scores on Praxis exams, background checks, etc. **Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.**

The table below indicates, for each state or territory, whether Covenant's programs meet or do not meet the educational requirements for initial licensure or whether Covenant has been able to determine if the programs meet the state requirements. 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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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama Department of Education	(334) 694-4900	https://www.alabamaachieves.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development-Teacher Certification Office	(907) 465-2831	https://education.alaska.gov/Teacher	Yes-for the initial provisional 2-year certificate.
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education	(602) 542-4367	https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/	Yes–must hold an existing certificate/license.
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education	(501) 682-4342	https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure	Yes-for a provisional license.
California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	(916) 319-0800	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office	(303) 866-6600	https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof	Yes-must hold or qualify to hold a certificate in Georgia.
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Certification	(860) 713-6969	https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification?l	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	(302) 735-4000	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.

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District of Columbia	District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education	(202) 727-6436	https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials	Yes
Florida	Florida Department of Education	(800) 445-6739	http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification	Yes—must hold an existing certificate/license.
Georgia	Georgia Professional Standards Commission	(404) 232-2500	https://www.gapsc.com/	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	(808) 586-2600	https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/	Yes—for a provisional license.
Idaho	Idaho State Department of Education	(208) 332-6800	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/	Yes—must hold an existing certificate/license.
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Education	Springfield: (217) 782-4321 Chicago: (312) 814-2220	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure.aspx	Yes—applicants must have specific coursework addressing methods for teaching exceptional children, reading methods, content area reading, and methods of teaching English learners.
Indiana	Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing	(317) 232-9010	https://www.in.gov/doi/educators/educator-licensing/	No—unable to determine.

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Iowa	Iowa Board of Educational Examiners	(515) 281-5294	https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education	(785) 296-2288	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Kentucky	Kentucky Educational Professional Standards Board	(502) 564-4606	https://www.education.ky.gov/teachers/NxGenProf/Pages/Certification.aspx	No
Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Education	(877) 453-2721	www.teachlouisiana.net	Yes—for a 3 year Out-of-State (OS) certificate.
Maine	Maine Department of Education	(207) 624-6600	https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Maryland	Maryland State Department of Education	(410) 767-0100	https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/Default.aspx	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education—Office of Educator Licensure	(781) 338-3000	https://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Department	(833) 633-5788	https://www.michigan.gov	Yes

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Minnesota	Minnesota Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board	(651) 539-4200	https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/	No-unable to determine.
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education	(601) 359-3483	https://mdek12.org/licensure/	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	(573) 751-0051	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification	No-unable to determine.
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction	(406) 444-3150	https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensur	Yes-must complete the free online course “An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana.”
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education	(402) 471-2295	https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/	No
Nevada	State of Nevada Department of Education	Carson City: (775) 687-9115 Las Vegas: (702) 486-6458	https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensur	No
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing	(603) 271-3494	https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing	No-unable to determine.

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New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Education	(609) 292-2070	https://nj.gov/education/	No
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Education Department	(505) 827-5800 Option 1 or 2	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/complaints/bureau-mission-statements/	Yes
New York	New York State Department of Education Office of Teaching Initiatives	(518) 474-3901	https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/	No-unable to determine.
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	(919) 716-1800	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board	(701) 328-9641	https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure	No
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education	(877) 644-6338	https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure	No
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education	(405) 521-337	https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification	No-unable to determine.
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	By appointment only; see URL link	https://www.oregon.gov/ode/pages/default.aspx	No

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Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education	(717) 787-3356	https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/education.html	Yes—applicants must have a minimum GPA.
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education	(401) 222-4600	https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification-0	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education	(803) 734-8500	https://ed.sc.gov/	Yes--must hold an existing certificate/license.
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education	(605) 773-3134	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Tennessee	Tennessee State Board of Education	(615) 741-5158	https://www.tn.gov/education.html	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Texas	Texas Education Agency	(512) 936-8400 Option 2	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification	No
Utah	Utah State Board of Education	(801) 538-7740	https://schools.utah.gov/licensing/	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Vermont	Vermont State Board of Agency	(802) 828-3440	https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education	(804) 786-2302	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teachin	Yes—additional training modules required.

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Washington	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board	(360) 725-6275	https://www.pesb.wa.gov/	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education	(304) 558-7010	https://wvde.us/certification/	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	(800) 266-1027	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing	No
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Education	(684) 633-5237 or 5238	https://www.amsamoa.doe.com/	No-unable to determine.
Guam	Guam Commission for Educator License	(671) 735-2554	https://gcec.guam.gov/	Yes-for a 3 year non renewable initial certificate.
Federated States of Micronesia	FSM Department of Education	(691) 320-2609	https://www.national.doe.fm/teacher-certification/	No-unable to determine.
Marshall Islands	Republic of Marshall Islands Ministry of Education	(692) 625-5262 (692) 625-5261	https://pss.edu.mh/	No-unable to determine.
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI State Board of Education	(670) 237-3061	https://www.cnmipss.org/state-boe-certification	No-unable to determine.
Palau	Palau Ministry of Education	(680) 488-6425	http://moe.epsolutions.pw/	No-unable to determine.

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Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Education	(787) 759-2000	https://de.pr.gov/	No-unable to determine.
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Education	St Croix: (340) 772-4144 St Thomas: (340) 774-4546	https://myviboe.com/	Yes