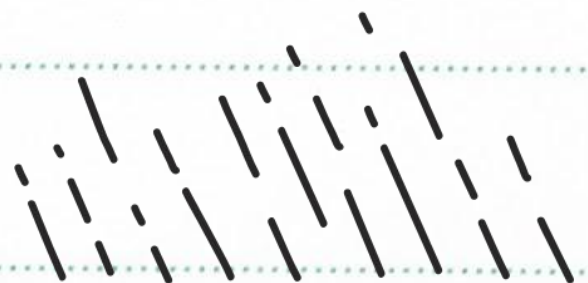


Non-Traditional Paths to Teaching

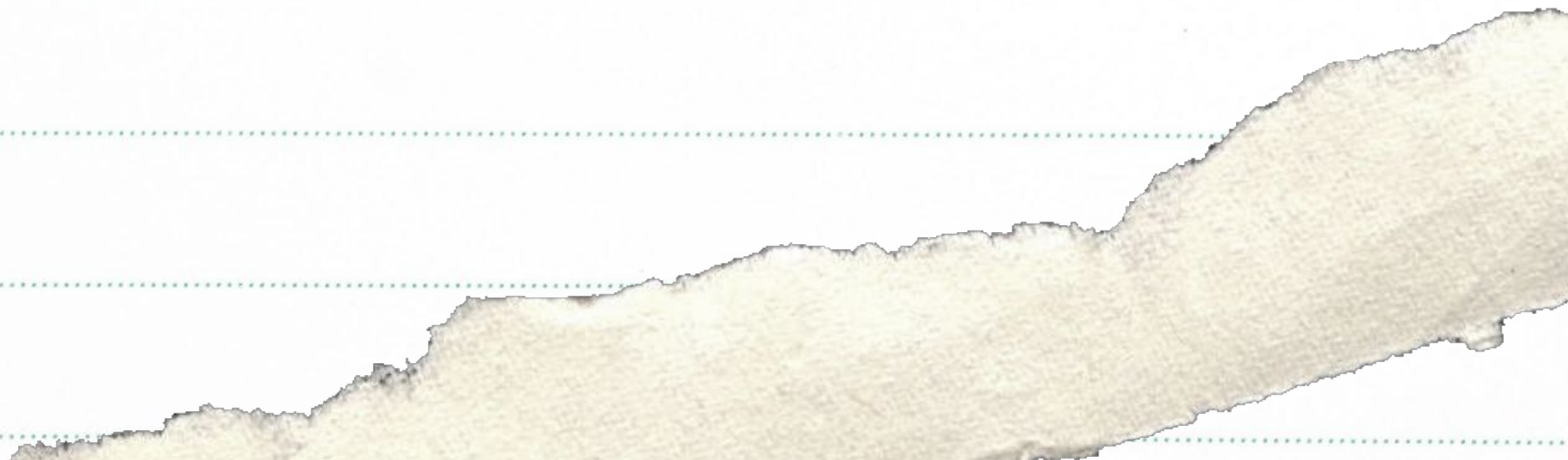
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What will be covered?



- Types of Teacher Certificate
- Options to Obtain Certification
- Important Resources



How to obtain Teacher Certification

Step 1



Gain admission into an accredited university and earn a bachelor's degree

Step 2



Take required course work**

Step 3



Pass required Exam(s)

Step 4



Submit application & fee to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Ed. (DESE)

Step 5



Complete fingerprinting for a criminal background check

Types of Certifications

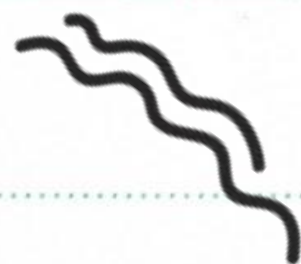


- Initial Professional Certificate (IPC)
- Provisional Certificate (Academic Contract)
- Temporary Authorization Certificate (TAC)
- Career Professional (5 -99 years)
- Career Education (technical education)

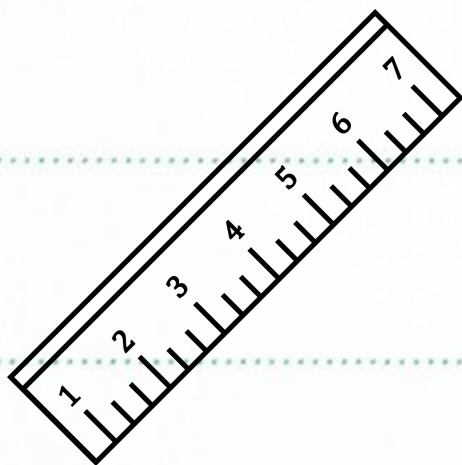
Initial Professional Certificate (IPC)



- Baccalaureate degree from a college or university with an approved education program
- Recommended for certification from college or university
- Posses a minimum 3.00 GPA
- Passing score on the appropriate assessment



Provisional Certificate

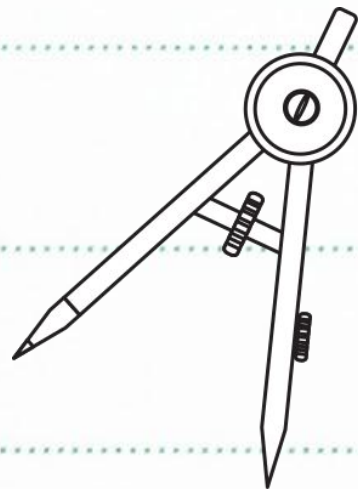


Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in a content area or passing score on designated Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA)
- Minimum 3.00 GPA in content area or passing score on designated MoCA
- Enrollment in a state-approved alternative certification program through a Missouri Educator Prep Program or within 15 hours of completing traditional program.
- Contracted as a teacher with a Missouri school district in same subject area/grade level

Temporary Authorization Certificate

(TAC)



Requirements:

- One-year, renewable certificate
- Bachelor's degree in a content area
- Content area GPA of 3.00
- Contracted as a teacher with a Missouri school district in same subject area/grade level
- At least 9 hours a year from Plan of Study

Cannot teach in following area:

- Elementary (1-6)
- Early childhood (B-3)
- **Early** childhood special education (B-3)
- Blind and partially sighted (K-12) and/or deaf and hearing impaired (K-12)

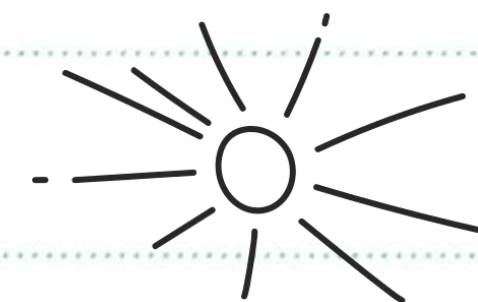
5 Ways to Complete Your Teaching Training



- Undergraduate degree & certification
- Certification after you earn your degree
- Post-graduate, alternative certification
- Post-graduate, residency model
- American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)



Undergraduate certification



An undergraduate certificate and bachelor's program may be a good fit if:

- You know what subject and grade level you want to teach.
- You are in your first or second year of college.

With an undergraduate program, you can:

- Complete your teaching program as part of earning your bachelor's degree.
- Reduce the total cost and time you spend working toward your certificate.



Certification



after you

earn your

degree



This type of program may be a good fit if:

- You decide later in college or after earning a degree that you want to teach.
- You majored in something different than the subject you want to teach.

In a post-graduate program, you can:

- Explore full-time and part-time program options.
- Choose a in person, virtual or hybrid program
- Take additional coursework to deepen your subject matter knowledge.
- Choose between master's degree programs, certificate-only programs or plan of study.
- Start teaching with a higher salary, if you earn a master's degree.



Post-Graduate, Alternative Certification

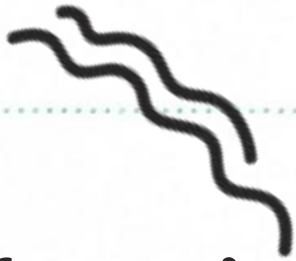

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/educator-preparation/programs>

Alternative route programs may be a good fit if:

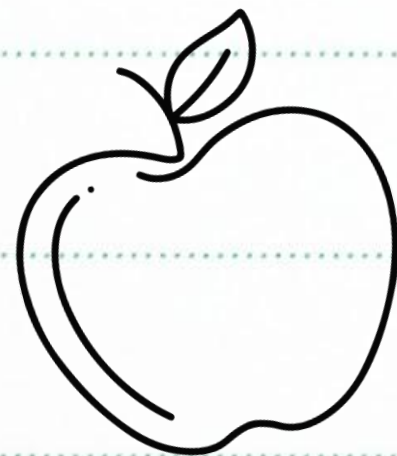

- You already have a degree in the subject you want to teach.
- You have some experience working with students and know you want to teach.
- You want to teach in a high needs subject, such as high school math or K-12 special education.

In an alternative certification program, you can:

- Start teaching (and earning a salary) while you finish your teaching program.
- Gain on-the-job experience.



Post-Graduate, residency model



The residency model may be a good fit if:

- You already have a degree in the subject you want to teach.
- You don't have much experience with students and would benefit for more mentorship when you begin.

In the residency program, you can:

- Get hands-on practice while you learn teaching strategies.
- Work alongside a mentor teacher while you take master's degree coursework.
- Get focused support working at a high-needs school.
- Earn a stipend during your first year.



ABCTE

About

- **American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)** is a national organization which offers a teacher training program.
- <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/facts-about-american-board-certification-teacher-excellence-abcte>

Requirements

- Bachelor degree in ANY field with 2.75 GPA
- Pass ACBTE Professional Teaching Knowledge and Subject Matter Exams
- Earn the ABCTE Certificate
 - Upon issuance of the ABCTE certificate, and the required contact hours as a substitute or paraprofessional (60 contact hours/90 hours for elementary education), an individual may apply for a Missouri initial professional teaching certificate (IPC)

DESE Accepts Certificates in:

- Elementary Education
- English/Language Arts
- Math
- U.S./World History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- General Science
- Physics

Important Resources

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification>

Certification Office: 573-751-0051

Teach Missouri

<https://missouri.teach.org/>

Lincoln County R-III Human Resources

<https://www.troy.k12.mo.us/domain/64>

636.462.5194

TeachMO Offering "Become a Teacher 101" Virtual Course

DESE's partner TeachMO is hosting a series of virtual Q&A sessions to answer questions about the process to become a certified teacher in MO. Sessions are on June 22, July 25, and August 10. Participants will hear from TeachMO career coaches and a current Missouri teacher, followed by a live Q&A session. Topics covered include:

- Taking steps to get certified to teach and choosing a subject area
- Choosing and applying to a certification pathway and preparation program
- Receiving ongoing career and financial support from TeachMO, and more!

