

Out-of-State Applicants:

Initial Professional Education Certificate or Provisional Certificate Requirements

Michigan has signed an Interstate Compact Agreement with every state agreeing to accept out-of-state teacher preparation programs and teaching certificates on a reciprocal basis for initial certification. The terms of the agreement address both traditional teacher preparation programs and alternative route teacher certification programs and each certificate and/or program must be evaluated under the terms of this agreement.

PROVISIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The Provisional teaching certificate is the initial certificate issued to Michigan prepared teachers. It is considered a standard initial certificate with no deficiencies. However, once issued the certificate holders are required to meet additional requirements to either renew or progress to the Professional Education certificate.

Program and Certificate Requirement:

An applicant who has completed a state-approved teacher preparation program including student teaching in another state can use the program to apply for the Provisional certificate.

OR

An applicant who has completed an alternative route teacher certification program in another state and holds a valid, standard teaching certificate issued based on completion of the program can use the program and teaching certificate to apply for the Provisional certificate.

Source: NASDTEC Interstate Compact Agreement signed in accordance with Teacher Certification Code R 390.1130 Reciprocity

First Aid and CPR Requirement:

The applicant must also have current training in first aid and child and adult CPR from an [approved source](#) such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Source: Section 1531d of Public Act 451 (1976) as amended, MCL 380.1531d

Testing Requirement:

The applicant must also pass a basic skills test and appropriate subject area tests from the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification to be issued the Provisional teaching certificate. As part of the evaluation process, the applicant is sent an evaluation report indicating the tests that must be passed for issuance of the Provisional certificate.

Source: Section 1531(3) of Public Act 451 (1976) as amended, MCL 380.1531(3)

Temporary Teacher Employment Authorization:

If the applicant holds a valid, standard teaching certificate from another state, the applicant can be issued a nonrenewable Provisional Temporary Teacher Employment Authorization that authorizes his/her employment in a Michigan school for one year. The applicant can be employed as a teacher and has a year to pass the required tests to be issued the Provisional certificate.

Source: Section 1531(16) of Public Act 451 (1976) as amended, MCL 380.1531(16)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

If an applicant who has completed an out-of-state approved teacher preparation program and holds a valid, standard teaching certificate from that state and meets all of the requirements for the Professional Education certificate listed below, he/she can be issued the Professional Education certificate as his/her initial Michigan teaching certificate.

An applicant who qualifies for the Professional Education Certificate as his/her initial Michigan certificate does not have to test.

Planned Program / Degree Requirement:

The applicant must have at least eighteen semester hours in a planned program completed since the issuance of his/her initial, standard teaching certificate or have earned at any time an approved Master's or higher degree.

Teaching Experience Requirement:

The applicant must have three years of successful teaching experience matching the validity of his/her standard teaching certificate from another state since it was initially issued.

Valid Certificate Requirement:

The applicant must hold a valid certificate from another state in the subject area(s) and grade levels for which he/she are seeking Michigan certification.

Source: Section 1531(6) of Public Act 451 (1976) as amended, MCL 380.1531(6)