

West Virginia

Contact Information

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Certification Requirements

Teacher Licensure Needed: Yes

Master's Degree Needed: No

Praxis II Library Media Content Test Needed: Yes, passing score of 138.

Other Testing Needed: Yes, the Praxis I and Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching Description: The Library Media license is an endorsement to the teaching license.

Evaluation Process for Licensure:

Criteria for eligible individuals:

An Initial Professional Teaching Certificate may be issued to a person who has completed:

- The general requirements for teacher licensure
- A minimum of a bachelor's degree (or a master's degree if required) through a regionally accredited institution of higher education
- Completed all state required praxis exams

Conditions for issuance (individuals must have completed and show evidence of the following):

- Must have completed an institution of higher education's state approved program which includes the recommendation of the designated official at school

OR

- Must meet all requirements for out-of-state-applicants

OR

- Meet all guidelines for alternative routes to certification

The Initial Professional Teaching Certificate shall be valid for no more than three years.

Reciprocity: Under West Virginia Code §18A-3-1 and as defined in WV Policy 5202 §126-136-16, out of state applicants seeking initial licensure in the state of West Virginia, based on reciprocity, are required to meet EACH of the following:

- hold a valid teaching certificate or a certificate of eligibility issued by another state,
- have graduated from a state-approved educator preparation program* at a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

AND

- have successfully completed a student teaching experience or equivalent in the state in which the approved program was completed.

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