

Reciprocity:

Reciprocal licensing plans allow educators from outside North Carolina to establish eligibility for licensing in this state. Reciprocity applies to the extent that out-of-state education programs from regionally accredited colleges and universities are equivalent to North Carolina's standards for approved education programs.

Teachers must meet the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) designation of Highly Qualified and provide written verification of HQ status.

Note: Reciprocity does not guarantee that all areas of licensure transfer directly from one state to another, but applicants receive the closest comparable North Carolina license areas. In some cases, North Carolina grade levels differ from those in other states, and such a difference may be reflected on the North Carolina license.

North Carolina recognizes four teacher education and reciprocal licensing approaches:

- Completion of an education program accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- Completion of an education program that follows National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) standards.
- Reciprocity based on interstate agreements.
 - Completion of a state-approved program
 - not accredited by NCATE
 - not approved through interstate agreement, or
 - not based on NASDTEC guidelines.

What is not covered by reciprocity?

Requirements specific to North Carolina, such as testing for some license areas, are not covered by reciprocity and must be met before a clear North Carolina license can be issued. License areas based on testing alone are not covered in the state reciprocity agreement.

States that have reciprocal contracts with NC:

The following lists of 37 states/jurisdictions have Reciprocal Contracts with NC:

Alabama	Idaho	Mississippi	South Carolina
Arkansas	Illinois	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Arizona	Indiana	New Jersey	Texas
California	Kentucky	New York	Utah
Colorado	Louisiana	Ohio	Vermont
Connecticut	Maine	Oklahoma	Virginia
Delaware	Maryland	Oregon	Washington
Florida	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania	Washington D.C.
Georgia	Michigan	Rhode Island	West Virginia
Hawaii			

Regionally Accrediting Agencies / Institutions:

SACS - Southern Association Of Colleges And Schools
MSCHE - Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
NEASC-CIHE - New England Association of Schools & Colleges
NCA-HLC - North Central Association of Schools & Colleges
NWCCU - Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
WASC-ACCJC and WASC-ACSCU- Western Association of Schools and Colleges