

Qualifying for Lateral Entry in North Carolina

Only the hiring School System can initiate the process for Lateral Entry licensure.

- At least a Bachelors or higher degree from a **regionally accredited** college or university

If you earned a degree from another county, you must provide an evaluation from an international education evaluation service, www.foreigntranscripts.com. Note: transcripts must be translated into English by a certified translator.

- **Must meet one (1) criteria from each side below to qualify for Lateral Entry**

One of the following:		One of the following:
Relevant Degree In a Subject taught in the NC Standard Course of Study		2.5 Cumulative GPA
OR		OR
24 Semester Hours of coursework in subject area with “C” or higher grades i.e. English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Foreign Language, PE, Business, etc.	A	Five years of experience considered relevant by the employing LEA
OR		OR
Passing score on the NC State Board of Education approved licensure exams for the teaching area which include... <i>** Mandatory testing <u>prior</u> to employment</i> ** Special Ed: General Curriculum: Praxis II (+NC Pearson in year 1) ** Special Ed: Adapted Curriculum <u>or</u> ** Except Child: Visually Impaired: Praxis II test(s) The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) – for World Languages without NC adopted Praxis II tests (Arabic & Mandarin) CCS does <u>not</u> hire LE for Elem or PreK	N D	Passing scores on Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators, or a total SAT score of 1100, or a total ACT score of 24 plus one of the following: • GPA of 3.0 in the major field of study * OR • GPA of 3.0 in all senior year coursework * OR • GPA of 3.0 on a minimum of 15 semester hours of courses completed <u>after</u> the bachelor’s degree and <u>within</u> the last five years <i>*Must have official letter signed by Registrar stating GPA of Major or full Senior Year</i>

Who is NOT eligible for lateral entry?

- Graduates of approved teacher education programs who are not recommended for licensing by their college or university
- Individuals who have completed an approved teacher education program, but have not satisfied testing requirements

NOTE: ESL requires a degree in English, **or** 24 semester hours in English or Linguistics, **or** passing Praxis II test.

Career & Technical Education teacher requirements are similar to Lateral Entry, **plus** they **must have full-time documented work experience in the field**: 2, 4, or 6 yrs within the last 5, 8, or 10 yrs depending on college degree level.

If all lateral entry requirements are not satisfied with the 3 years initially granted, there is an additional 3 year waiting period before another lateral entry license can be issued, provided the current SBE approved licensure exam(s) are met. NC Policy TCP-A-001, paragraph 1.70