

The following disclosure is applicable to the following face-to-face licensure programs offered within the realm of education at Purdue University West Lafayette:

- Agriculture Education
- Biology Education
- Chemistry Education
- Early Childhood and Exceptional Needs
- Earth and Space Science Education
- Elementary Education
- Engineering and Technology Education
- English Education
- Family and Consumer Science Education
- Mathematics Education
- Physics Education
- School Administration (both the Master of Science in Education and the Education Specialist Degree Programs)
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education
- Visual Arts Education

One of the most important resources for students seeking educator/administrator licensure outside of the state they were educated in is the [National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification](#) (NASDTEC). Indiana is currently in an Interstate Agreement with 49 other states and territories through NASDTEC, which outlines specific state regulations in terms of education and experience requirements for Teacher/Administrator licensure. Participating jurisdictions in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement may choose to have additional requirements for educators who are coming from another jurisdiction. These are known as “Jurisdiction Specific Requirements” (JSRs), which will often vary upon the educator’s years of experience. Some jurisdictions will consider themselves “full-reciprocity” and do not have any additional requirements. In the case of full-reciprocity, it may be advantageous that the student seeking licensure in a certain jurisdiction first receive their Indiana license.

NASDTEC has created an [Interactive Map](#) that contains information on which states are considered “full-reciprocity,” as well as the JSRs by state. It is highly recommended that students refer to the NASDTEC website when mapping out their professional licensure path. Even more information about JSRs can be found [here](#). Please note that jurisdiction licensure or certification requirements may be affected by other factors such as teaching experience, testing requirements, and coursework.

For information regarding territories not available through the map, including American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands see below.

American Samoa: The American Samoa Department of Education requires prospective educators to complete an American Samoa approved program. Prospective educators may not complete a program that is out-of-state. In addition, educators may not transfer a license from another state using any pathway. For this reason, Purdue University's programs do not meet any of the educational prerequisites for licensure in the field of education in American Samoa. Those interested in teaching within American Samoa should visit their Department of Education website (<https://www.doe.as/>).

Northern Mariana Islands: Obtaining educator licensure within the Commonwealth of The Northern Mariana Islands is only possible through reciprocity, meaning a candidate must receive a separate state/territory license before applying for licensure in the desired jurisdiction. Due to Covid-19, the licensure office in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has posted a notice that it will not be processing any licenses while the office is closed due to the pandemic. The notice indicates that the duration of that closure may be through April 2021.

Puerto Rico: Obtaining educator licensure within Puerto Rico is only possible through reciprocity, meaning a candidate must receive a separate state/territory license before applying for licensure in the desired jurisdiction. A course on Puerto Rican history is also required for licensure. Detailed requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico can be found at this link: <https://de.pr.gov/> (note that this site is in Spanish).

U.S. Virgin Islands: The U.S. Virgin Islands' specific requirements for educator licensure can be found here: <http://www.vide.vi/human-resources/568-general-certification-requirements.html>

It is important to understand that the out-of-state requirements vary by state and can change with little to no warning. Students seeking licensure or certification in another state should inquire directly to the jurisdiction where employment is desired. You can find contact information on each state's [Department of Education Website](#).