

Purdue West Lafayette

Transition to Teaching:

The Transition to Teaching Program (TTT) is an alternative licensure program that is approved solely by the State of Indiana. Upon successful completion of the TTT program and licensure requirements an Indiana Initial Instructional License (2 Year) will be granted by the State of Indiana.

Indiana has unique reciprocity agreements with each of the remaining 49 states and US territories through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). Each agreement varies and is subject to change without prior notice. Since the TTT program is an “alternative” pathway to licensure intended for Indiana educators, there is no guarantee that this program or the Indiana license resulting from this program will be accepted in every state. NASDTEC has created a [website listing specific requirements](#) required for reciprocity of licensure.

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](#).