



## Initial Teaching Certification Programs (BAEd, MAT)

*This disclosure applies to the Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Art in Teaching degree programs.*

The initial teaching certification programs at Covenant College are designed to prepare students for certification in the state of Georgia and are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), 200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334-9032. Successful completion of one of Covenant's programs plus passing scores on related GaPSC-approved Content Pedagogy and GACE Content Assessments leads to eligibility for a Level 4 induction certification for BA elementary education completers and Level 5 induction certification for MAT completers.

Each state or territory regulatory body responsible for education dictates the requirements to obtain licensure or certification in that jurisdiction. Generally, the educational requirements are met when a student earns a degree from an accredited institution and passes associated tests or assessments. However, most jurisdictions require applicants already possess a license or certificate from the state where they completed their degree to be eligible. Additional conditions must often be met (e.g., a minimum GPA or specific professional development), and applications may require minimum scores on Praxis exams, background checks, etc. **Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.**

The table below indicates, for each state or territory, whether Covenant's programs meet or do not meet the educational requirements for initial licensure or whether Covenant has been able to determine if the programs meet the state requirements. Please review the table below closely to determine if the programs meet the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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<b>U.S. State or Territory</b>	<b>Regulatory Body</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Website URL</b>	<b>Meets educational requirements</b>
Alabama	Alabama Department of Education	(334) 694-4900	<a href="https://www.alabamaachievements.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification">https://www.alabamaachievements.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development-Teacher Certification Office	(907) 465-2831	<a href="https://education.alaska.gov/Teacher">https://education.alaska.gov/Teacher</a>	Yes-for the initial provisional 2-year certificate.
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education	(602) 542-4367	<a href="https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/">https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/</a>	Yes–must hold an existing certificate/license.
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education	(501) 682-4342	<a href="https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure">https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure</a>	Yes-for a provisional license.
California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	(916) 319-0800	<a href="https://www.ctc.ca.gov/">https://www.ctc.ca.gov/</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office	(303) 866-6600	<a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof">https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof</a>	Yes-must hold or qualify to hold a certificate in Georgia.
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Certification	(860) 713-6969	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification?l">https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification?l</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	(302) 735-4000	<a href="https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification">https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.

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District of Columbia	District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education	(202) 727-6436	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials">https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials</a>	Yes
Florida	Florida Department of Education	(800) 445-6739	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification">http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification</a>	Yes—must hold an existing certificate/license.
Georgia	Georgia Professional Standards Commission	(404) 232-2500	<a href="https://www.gapsc.com/">https://www.gapsc.com/</a>	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	(808) 586-2600	<a href="https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/">https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/</a>	Yes—for a provisional license.
Idaho	Idaho State Department of Education	(208) 332-6800	<a href="https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/">https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/</a>	Yes—must hold an existing certificate/license.
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Education	Springfield: (217) 782-4321 Chicago: (312) 814-2220	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure.aspx</a>	Yes-applicants must have specific coursework addressing methods for teaching exceptional children, reading methods, content area reading, and methods of teaching English learners.
Indiana	Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing	(317) 232-9010	<a href="https://www.in.gov/doi/educators/educator-licensing/">https://www.in.gov/doi/educators/educator-licensing/</a>	No-unable to determine.

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Iowa	Iowa Board of Educational Examiners	(515) 281-5294	<a href="https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure">https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education	(785) 296-2288	<a href="https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division">https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Kentucky	Kentucky Educational Professional Standards Board	(502) 564-4606	<a href="https://www.education.ky.gov/teachers/NxGenProf/Pages/Certification.aspx">https://www.education.ky.gov/teachers/NxGenProf/Pages/Certification.aspx</a>	No
Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Education	(877) 453-2721	<a href="http://www.teachlouisiana.net">www.teachlouisiana.net</a>	Yes—for a 3 year Out-of-State (OS) certificate.
Maine	Maine Department of Education	(207) 624-6600	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert">https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Maryland	Maryland State Department of Education	(410) 767-0100	<a href="https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/Default.aspx">https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/Default.aspx</a>	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education—Office of Educator Licensure	(781) 338-3000	<a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/">https://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/</a>	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Department	(833) 633-5788	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov">https://www.michigan.gov</a>	Yes

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	of Education		<a href="#">gov/mde</a>	
Minnesota	Minnesota Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board	(651) 539-4200	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/</a>	No-unable to determine.
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education	(601) 359-3483	<a href="https://mdek12.org/licensure/">https://mdek12.org/licensure/</a>	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	(573) 751-0051	<a href="https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification">https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification</a>	No-unable to determine.
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction	(406) 444-3150	<a href="https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure">https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure</a>	Yes-must complete the free online course “An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana.”
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education	(402) 471-2295	<a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/">https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/</a>	No
Nevada	State of Nevada Department of Education	Carson City: (775) 687-9115 Las Vegas: (702) 486-6458	<a href="https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure">https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure</a>	No
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing	(603) 271-3494	<a href="https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing">https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing</a>	No-unable to determine.

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New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Education	(609) 292-2070	<a href="https://nj.gov/education/">https://nj.gov/education/</a>	No
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Education Department	(505) 827-5800 Option 1 or 2	<a href="https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/complaints/bureau-mission-statements/">https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/complaints/bureau-mission-statements/</a>	Yes
New York	New York State Department of Education Office of Teaching Initiatives	(518) 474-3901	<a href="https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/">https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/</a>	No-unable to determine.
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	(919) 716-1800	<a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/</a>	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board	(701) 328-9641	<a href="https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure">https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure</a>	No
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education	(877) 644-6338	<a href="https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure">https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure</a>	No
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education	(405) 521-337	<a href="https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification">https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification</a>	No-unable to determine.
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	By appointment only; see URL link	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ode/pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/ode/pages/default.aspx</a>	No

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Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education	(717) 787-3356	<a href="https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/education.html">https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/education.html</a>	Yes—applicants must have a minimum GPA.
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education	(401) 222-4600	<a href="https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification-0">https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification-0</a>	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education	(803) 734-8500	<a href="https://ed.sc.gov/">https://ed.sc.gov/</a>	Yes--must hold an existing certificate/license.
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education	(605) 773-3134	<a href="https://doe.sd.gov/certification/">https://doe.sd.gov/certification/</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Tennessee	Tennessee State Board of Education	(615) 741-5158	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/education.html">https://www.tn.gov/education.html</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Texas	Texas Education Agency	(512) 936-8400 Option 2	<a href="https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification">https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification</a>	No
Utah	Utah State Board of Education	(801) 538-7740	<a href="https://schools.utah.gov/licensing/">https://schools.utah.gov/licensing/</a>	Yes-must hold an existing certificate/license.
Vermont	Vermont State Board of Agency	(802) 828-3440	<a href="https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure">https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure</a>	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education	(804) 786-2302	<a href="https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teachin">https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teachin</a>	Yes—additional training modules required.

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Washington	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board	(360) 725-6275	<a href="https://www.pesb.wa.gov/">https://www.pesb.wa.gov/</a>	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education	(304) 558-7010	<a href="https://wvde.us/certification/">https://wvde.us/certification/</a>	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	(800) 266-1027	<a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing">https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing</a>	No
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Education	(684) 633-5237 or 5238	<a href="https://www.amsamoa.doe.com/">https://www.amsamoa.doe.com/</a>	No-unable to determine.
Guam	Guam Commission for Educator License	(671) 735-2554	<a href="https://gcec.guam.gov/">https://gcec.guam.gov/</a>	Yes-for a 3 year non renewable initial certificate.
Federated States of Micronesia	FSM Department of Education	(691) 320-2609	<a href="https://www.national.doe.fm/teacher-certification/">https://www.national.doe.fm/teacher-certification/</a>	No-unable to determine.
Marshall Islands	Republic of Marshall Islands Ministry of Education	(692) 625-5262 (692) 625-5261	<a href="https://pss.edu.mh/">https://pss.edu.mh/</a>	No-unable to determine.
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI State Board of Education	(670) 237-3061	<a href="https://www.cnmipss.org/state-boe-certification">https://www.cnmipss.org/state-boe-certification</a>	No-unable to determine.
Palau	Palau Ministry of Education	(680) 488-6425	<a href="http://moe.epsolutions.pw/">http://moe.epsolutions.pw/</a>	No-unable to determine.



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Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Education	(787) 759-2000	<a href="https://de.pr.gov/">https://de.pr.gov/</a>	No-unable to determine.
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Education	St Croix: (340) 772-4144 St Thomas: (340) 774-4546	<a href="https://myviboe.com/">https://myviboe.com/</a>	Yes