

# Teacher Education Program

The Teacher Education Program at Friends University is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education (900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612); and by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), [www.ncate.org](http://www.ncate.org) (now known as Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), [www.caepnet.org](http://www.caepnet.org)). This accreditation covers the Teacher Education Program at Friends University; however, the accreditation does not include individual education courses that the institution offers to P-12 educators for professional development, re-licensure, or other purposes.

## Licensure Disclosure

Friends University prepares future teachers for licensure in the state of Kansas. Completers of the program of study within the Teacher Education Program will earn recommendation for licensure in Kansas. The program requirements may not meet licensure requirements for other states. Students planning to seek teacher licensure outside of Kansas are strongly encouraged to meet with the Friends University Licensure Officer to discuss future plans. It is generally recommended that out-of-state licensure be obtained by first earning a Kansas teaching license and then transferring that license to another state.

As of 2021, Friends University primarily enrolls students from the following six states: Kansas, Missouri, Texas, California, Oklahoma, and Colorado. These six states are the only states from which more than one student is enrolled in an academic program that leads to professional licensure, so these are the states that have been investigated for reciprocity. Beyond Kansas, the Teacher Education Program does meet educational requirements for licensure (via transfer of a Kansas teaching license) in the following states: California, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

## California

\* Note that a teaching professional new to the state will be awarded a temporary/provisional license for a period of time in order to address any deficiency in course work or testing.

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/out-of-state-app>

“California has a two-tier credential structure. A preliminary credential is the first document issued after an individual meets basic credential requirements. The preliminary credential is issued for a maximum of five years. A clear credential is issued when all credential requirements have been completed. If requirements for the clear credential are not completed before the expiration of the preliminary, the holder will be unable to teach in California's public schools with that credential until those requirements are met and the document is renewed.”

## Colorado

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<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/outofstateteacher>

“If you hold or are eligible to hold a license in another state, you may qualify for an interim authorization, which Colorado state statute allows to be issued in certain instances when a candidate meets the degree and program requirements, but still needs to fulfill additional requirements (usually a content exam or exams) for a full Colorado license. This authorization is issued for one year and is renewable once.”

## Missouri

<https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/become-certified-teacher#holdoutofstatecertificate>

“In most cases, a Missouri certificate is issued with no further coursework or test requirements.”

## Oklahoma

<https://sde.ok.gov/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification#otherstate>

“If you have passed teacher test(s) in another state, you may request a review of these test(s) for comparability to Oklahoma tests by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA). They will determine if any of the out-of-state tests are comparable and inform the Teacher Certification Office which test(s) are acceptable.”

## Texas

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/out-of-state-certification/out-of-state-certified-educators>

“The Standard Certificate is issued to an individual who has completed all requirements for a Texas Educator Certificate.” “The One-Year Certificate is a temporary certification that can be issued after your credentials are reviewed. This optional certificate is available to applicants who have had a successful review of credentials and need a credential issued for employment purposes.”

Friends University has not made a determination that its teacher education curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.