



OPTION 2: Cabell County Alternative Certification Program: GROW Educators

Cabell County is fortunate to employ both fully certified teachers, as well as those seeking alternative certificates. Through a partnership with the WV Department of Education, The Cabell County G.R.O.W Educators Program falls under Option 2, which is an alternative certification teaching program that combines an online learning component, with additional support of a face-to-face mentors, as well as a professional support team.

OPTION 3: State Approved Coursework Alternative Certification

The coursework providers of Option 3 include four entities: 1) American Board, 2) i-Teach, 3) Teach for America Appalachia, and 4) Teach Now.

With this option, you do not need to contact the county in which you are seeking employment, nor do you have to have current employment with a particular county- you simply contact any of the four coursework providers listed below to get started. While these options are not affiliated with the WVDE, should you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to Tabetha Gillispie, WVDE Coordinator of Certification Services at tabetha.gillispie@k12.wv.us

*Completion of this program will lead to a Non-Transferable Teaching License to teach in WV only. Applicants who wish to obtain a transferable teaching license would have to pass a nationally-normed Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA).

Please contact the specific provider for admission requirements.

The four coursework providers for Option 3 include:

1. American Board: American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence Program

Summary: Approved by the WVBE on September 8, 2021, American Board provides a state-approved, online initial teacher certification program for the specific endorsement areas listed below:

Biology 9-Adult, Chemistry 9-Adult, English 5-9, English 5-Adult, Elementary Education K-6, General Science 5-9, General Science 5-Adult, Algebra I 5-Adult, General Math Through Algebra I 5-9, Mathematics 5-Adult, Physics 9-Adult, Social Studies 5-9, Social Studies 5-Adult, Multi-Categorical (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) K-6 and Multi-Categorical (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) 5-Adult.

The cost to program participants is advertised at a price of \$1,900.00. American Board is not nationally accredited or affiliated with an institution of higher education. Therefore, the completion -paced, generally candidates complete the program within seven to ten months. The program does not require successful completion of a clinical experience homepage may be accessed at <https://www.americanboard.org>

2. iTeach: iTeach-WEST VIRGINIA

Summary: Approved by the WVBE on April 13, 2022, iTeach provides a state-approved, online initial teacher certification program for the specific endorsement areas listed below:

Algebra I 5-Adult, Art PreK-Adult, Biology 9-Adult, Business Education 5-Adult, Business Education/Marketing 5-Adult, Chemistry 9-Adult, Chinese PreK-Adult, Early Childhood Education K-4, Early Education PreK-K, Earth and Space Science 5-Adult, Elementary Education K-6, English 5-9, English 5-Adult, English as a Second Language PreK-Adult, Family and Consumer Science 5-Adult, French PreK-

Education 5-Adult, Wellness PreK-Adult, Emotional/Behavior Disorders K6, Emotional/Behavior Disorders 5-Adult, Intellectual Disabilities K-6, Intellectual Disabilities 5-Adult, MultiCategorical (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) K-6, and Multi-Categorical (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) 5-Adult.

The cost to program participants is advertised at a price of \$3,050.00. iTeach is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and is not affiliated with an not result in college credit. However, iTeach has indicated that there is a process offered to program completers which may allow them to receive up to 12 hours of credit in the American College of

iTeachWESTVIRGINIA utilizes a curriculum delivered virtually and no clinical experience is required. Mastery of the coursework must be demonstrated by achieving an 80 or higher on each assessment and a score of two or higher in each assignment prior to the participant progressing into the subsequential instructional course. The program is designed to take nine months from start to completion, but may take up to two years if an extension is approved, which requires a renewal fee of \$325. Program fees will be provided on the iTeachWESTVIRGINIA website and are reviewed in the introductory course, which requires completion of a detailed letter of

at <https://www.iteach.net> .

3. Teach for America Appalachia

Summary: Approved by the WVBE on March 8, 2023, Teach for America Appalachia provides a state-approved, initial teacher certification program with in-person and online requirements for the

OPTION 4: WVDE Alternative Certification

The providers of this program include five Institutions of Higher Education: 1) WVU, 2) Wheeling, 3) West Liberty, 4) Bluefield, and 5) Glenville State University. Content endorsements for specific subjects and grade levels for Option 4 alternative teaching license can be found in the [West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory](#).

Coursework completed through West Liberty and Bluefield include a Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) in the program that will lead to a Transferable Teaching License. The candidate must hold a current Substitute Teaching Permit to qualify for West Liberty or Bluefield programs.

Coursework completed through WVU, Wheeling, and Glenville will receive a Non-Transferable Teaching License to teach in WV only. Applicants wanting to obtain a transferable teaching license would have to pass a nationally normed Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA).

Candidates must first make an application to the WVDE, located under **Step 4** in this section and must pass the content Praxis and CORE Praxis, unless the candidate meets the exemptions listed on pages 3 and 4 in the [West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory](#).

Candidates do not have to be employed by a county board of education when enrolled in one of these programs but may be employed while taking the coursework if all requirements have been met for holding

(Option 4) Disclaimers: Licensure issued by the Office of Certification requires applicants to complete State and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks. This summary information does not supersede WVBE policy or State Code requirements. Individuals who are enrolling in, participating in or completing WVDE Alternative Certification Programs may become eligible to apply for licensure only as described in WVBE Policy 5202 at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/>, the West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory and W. Va. Code §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(B). W. Va. Code, WVBE Policy, testing and program requirements are subject to change at any time. Individuals who enroll into the program are subject to