

Steps to Identifying State Alternative Certification Programs

The School of Graduate Education has outlined steps to help you identify your state's alternative certification program. Before enrolling in any education program, it's important to understand the requirements for any state where you intend to teach.

1. Contact your state's alternative certification advisor.

To find your state's alternative certification advisor, we recommend searching online for your state's government or education site. You can also use our interactive map; click on the state where you would like to teach for a link to your state's department of education.

2. Research a suitable alternative certification program.

Review the information from your state's website or that you received from your state's advisor. You should contact each state-approved program director and ask the director questions about admissions requirements, the length and cost of the program, course format (online or campus), time commitment, and location for onsite field experiences such as student teaching, paid internships, and practicums.

Also, make sure you understand the course transfer and undergraduate transcript policies, and undergraduate GPA requirements.

3. Identify a suitable alternative certification program and enroll.

Once you fully understand your state's requirements and have identified a program that meets your certification needs, you can proceed with the Master of Arts in Teaching enrollment process. If you need more information, you can reach one of our Admissions Advisors who can help.

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