

### The Bachelor's Degree Route

If the adult student has some college credits, but no degree, they can enter an undergraduate teaching program. After their four years is completed, they take an extra year of college that offers a fifth year credential program. If they want to become an elementary education teacher, they would major in education or liberal studies.

### Secondary education teacher

Once an individual completes their degree, they earn their state teaching credential by passing the Praxis II exam for the content area they want to teach in the state they want to teach. Once they pass the [different types of essays test](#) they apply for certification. The final step is that they have to pass clearance requirements, including fingerprint screenings, and a medical screening.

### Teaching certification

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### The Alternative Certification Route

If an individual has already earned a bachelor's degree, they can enroll in a state approved alternative certification program. To qualify for an alternative certification program, a person needs to pass an entrance examination and medical and background screenings. The next step is to begin working as a teacher with a temporary certification. While they are working they complete coursework for their certification.

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They then earn their teaching credential by passing the Praxis II exam for the content area they want to teach in the state they want to teach. Once they pass the test, they apply for certification. Once the test is passed the individual is eligible to teach in the state they are certified in.

### a Master' Degree Program

If an individual has already earned a bachelor's degree and wants to enter a program that will help them be better prepared when they become a teacher, they can enroll in a [master's of arts teaching program](#) from an accredited college or university. The coursework would consist of core courses such as a [foundations of education class](#). The individual would specialize in a specific area.

### Test

This area could be elementary education, special education, single subject education (math, history, English) or English as a Second Language. The students gain in-class experience by working with a mentor. Finally, they would complete a research or capstone project. Once an individual completes their master's degree, they earn their state teaching credential by passing the Praxis II exam for the content area they want to teach in the state they want to teach.

### End

To teach at the secondary level, most states require an undergraduate degree in the desired subjects, as well as the completion of an educational program which usually includes a student teaching and/or practicum component. Completing a teacher education program is necessary to gain certification. Most states require the passing of either a state test or the Praxis exam to demonstrate a liberal arts foundation.



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