

Western Carolina University's alternative licensure programs open the door for those who already have degrees and are ready for the challenge of teaching. Our programs are designed to recruit, train, and support recent college graduates, mid-career professionals, and retirees as they enter the teaching profession. WCU alternative licensure students have the option of taking their licensure courses in person, online, or blend both delivery options to fit their schedules.

Depending upon your qualifications, you have three options: follow a [licensure-only plan](#), secure a job as a [lateral entry teacher](#), or complete requirements for a [Master of Arts in Teaching \(M.A.T.\)](#) degree.

Western is one of four universities participating in [NC TEACH II](#), a U.S. Department of Education Transition to Teaching grant. NC TEACH II works directly with identified school districts to recruit and prepare lateral entry teachers in high-need subject areas who are committed to remaining in a teaching position in a high-need school district for a minimum of three years.

Whichever option you choose—licensure-only or lateral entry—Western can help you reach your goal. The first step is to complete the online [eligibility/pre-evaluation form](#) and let us develop a plan of study outlining individualized licensure requirements for you.

For More Information Visit <http://alternativelicensure.wcu.edu>

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