

# Teaching in Pennsylvania

- Certification requirements are listed on the [Pennsylvania Department of Education website](#):
  - **Bachelor's Degree**
  - **Completion of an approved program of study** leading to certification in the area of certificate requested:
    - Affirmation/recommendation of successful completion from the certification officer at the college/university/educational entity on an application form designated by the Bureau or through the Teacher Information Management System (TIMS) for provisioned users in TIMS.
  - **Hold a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA):** A 3.0 overall cumulative GPA as noted on Bachelor's or Master's transcript is required for an initial certificate in Pennsylvania. The cumulative GPA must be indicated on the college transcript. If it is not indicated on the college transcript, the overall GPA may be supplied in a letter from the college or university for out-of-state applicants.
  - **Completion of PA required tests** - Applicants for certification must complete the [Pennsylvania testing requirements](#) before submitting application.
    - [Praxis Core Reading, Writing, Mathematics tests](#) – See [ACT and SAT composite score calculator](#) to see if you can waive this test.
    - [Praxis Subject Assessments](#)
- Read the instructions for [Applicants Prepared Out-of-State](#) and refer to Out-of-State prepared for more information.
- Submit online application for certification through the [Teacher Information Management System \(TIMS\)](#).