

Teaching in DC

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[Teaching Credential Options](#) (Option 1 Applies for Out-of-State Applicants)

- You have completed an approved teacher certification program in the proper subject area;
- You meet criminal history background requirements;
- You hold at least a completed bachelor's degree; and
- You have passing test scores for all exams required for the subject area.

Required documents to submit for Option 1:

- A completed [Program Completion Verification Form](#) (email completed form to [Diane Matteau](#))
- An [Identity History Summary Check \(IHSC\)](#) issued by the FBI or an approved FBI channeler agency. If employed with DC Public Schools (DCPS), make sure their central office has made your clearance information available to OSSE electronically.
- Official education transcripts from all institution(s) where you completed a degree and related studies.
- Passing [test scores](#) for the applicable basic skills, writing and mathematics exam. Note: Applicants seeking to demonstrate basic skills knowledge through a 3.0 or higher GPA need not submit evidence of passing test scores on an approved basic skills exam.
- Passing scores for an approved subject content and pedagogy exam required for the teaching area of the credential or comparable exam(s) passed in another state where an active full teaching credential is held. For subject areas where a subject content exam has not been adopted, the applicant must hold a completed degree major in the subject area or have completed an approved educator licensure program in the area.
- A copy of your active full teaching credential(s) held in another state (if applicable).

These requirements may change. Always verify requirements with the appropriate state office.

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