

PATHWAYS TO TEACHING – STANDARD RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE

In Ohio, beginning teachers receive the Resident Educator License.

If you have not yet completed an approved teacher preparation program, you may become licensed by following the steps below.

STEP 1

Complete an Education Program

Ohio requires completion of a minimum of a bachelor's degree and an approved teacher preparation program through an accredited college/university. You may complete the teacher preparation program as part of your undergraduate degree or through a post bachelor's program or a master's degree program.

Please see the Ohio Department of Higher Education's [Program Finder](#) for a list of accredited colleges/universities with approved programs that lead to Ohio licensure.

STEP 2

Pass Required Licensure Exams

You must pass both content area exam(s) and a professional knowledge exam for educator licensure. Your academic advisor at your college/university will guide you regarding which exams to take and how to register for them.

Please see our Educator Licensure Exams [webpage](#) for more information.

STEP 3

Apply for Licensure

Once you have met all Ohio requirements for licensure (including [background checks](#)), you may complete the online application through the Connected Ohio Records for Educators ([CORE](#)) [system](#).

STEP 4

Obtain Employment

Search education jobs on the Department [website](#), or contact the school you are interested in teaching in for employment application instructions.