

## PATHWAYS TO TEACHING – ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE

In Ohio, candidates who have not completed a traditional teacher preparation program may pursue licensure through the alternative pathway.

### STEP 1

#### **STEP 1: Request an Evaluation**

If you have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, you may request an evaluation for the Alternative Resident Educator License. You must submit your official transcripts with your completed evaluation request application. The Department will provide you with an evaluation outlining the initial requirements.

Please see our Alternative Resident Educator [webpage](#) for information and the evaluation request application.

### STEP 2

#### **STEP 2: Complete an Alternative Licensure Institute**

After you have met the initial exam and background check requirements (as listed on your evaluation), you will complete training through an approved Alternative Licensure Institute to prepare for classroom teaching.

Please visit the Ohio Department of Higher Education's [webpage](#) for a list of Alternative Licensure Institutes.

### STEP 3

#### **STEP 3: Request a Statement of Eligibility**

Once you have your certification of completion from the approving Alternative Licensure Institute, you may request your Statement of Eligibility for the Alternative Resident Educator License from the Department. At that time the Department will also provide you with an evaluation outlining the remaining requirements you need to meet to advance to a Professional License.

### STEP 4

#### **STEP 4: Apply for Jobs**

You may apply for teaching positions once you have your Department-issued Statement of Eligibility for the Alternative Resident Educator License. The Statement of Eligibility indicates which license the Department will issue you once you have secured employment in an Ohio school that will provide you with access to the Resident Educator Program.

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

### STEP 5

#### **STEP 5: Apply for the Alternative Resident Educator License**

Once you have met all requirements for the Ohio Alternative Resident Educator License, you may complete the online application through the Connected Ohio Records for Educators ([CORE](#)) [system](#).