

Non-recognized Teacher Training Programs in Alberta

The requirements for Alberta teacher certification are set out in the [Certification of Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation](#), and all Alberta accredited schools must employ teachers who hold valid Alberta teaching authority.

In Alberta, an acceptable teacher education/preparation program is a university course-based program that includes at minimum 10 weeks of a supervised student teaching placement completed at a recognized post-secondary institution. This type of program is completed prior to the individual being in the classroom as a teacher.

For Alberta teacher certification, teacher-training programs completed through alternative certification paths or from unrecognized institutions are not accepted.

Though not an exhaustive list, examples of programs that do NOT lead to Alberta teacher certification include:

United States

- Teach Now (may also be called Teach Now Graduate School of Education)
- Teach For America
- American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence Teacher Ready
- Educators for Change
- School District based or other forms of employment-based teacher-training programs (e.g., Houston School District).
- Western Governors University – online competency-based modules tailored to the needs of the student, there is no common set of required courses or tested learning achieved).
- Moreland University – is not an accredited university and studies completed cannot be recognized towards Alberta teacher certification.

United Kingdom

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education International (PGCE International).
- Graduate Teacher Programs (GTP) – Employment-based training.
- School Centered Initial Teacher Training Program (SCITT) – Employment based training School Direct – Employment based training.
- PGCE – Flexible (work-based training model based on a personalized or individualized training plan).

Other Countries

- There are countries that provide teacher training at the high school level, but this type of program is not accepted for Alberta teacher certification.
- When interviewing candidates, school authorities may wish to ask candidates to provide a copy of their transcript of their completed university teacher preparation program and evidence of licensure/certification in the state/country where the program was completed.
- These transcripts will provide general information on their program of studies. Specifically:

- Did they complete a university course-based program? If yes, the transcript will/should detail each course completed, with grades and credits noted.
- Did they complete a supervised teaching practice/practicum? If yes, it will appear on the transcript with a grade or a pass/fail and credit.
 - A supervised teaching practice/practicum is defined as a placement in a Kindergarten to Grade 12 program supervised by academic staff of an approved basic approved teacher preparation program (i.e., a university that an individual is enrolled at while completing their Bachelor of Education/teacher preparation program).
- Did the program qualify them to be certificated/licensed in the state or country where the institution is located?
 - If yes, they should be able to provide either a copy of their teaching certificate, or a Statement of Professional Standing.

Please visit www.alberta.ca/teacher-certification for information on the teacher certification process in Alberta.

If there are any questions regarding teacher certification, please contact the Teacher and Leadership Certification Branch at teacher.certification@gov.ab.ca.