

Applying for Licensure Out-of-State (not Virginia)

Students who complete JMU's teacher education program, including all required assessments, are eligible for a Virginia Teaching license. If you are interested in pursuing licensure in another state there are several things to be aware of:

1. Out-of-State Licensure:

JMU is a Virginia state-approved teacher education program. In order to be eligible for licensure in another state, candidates who complete JMU's program, including all Virginia-state required assessments, can attain licensure if there is a comparable endorsement area in the state in which they are interested in obtaining a license and if they complete any additional jurisdiction specific requirements (see #3 below) as indicated by the state's department of education.

Please review requirements by reviewing your state's department of education website - see https://www.nasdtc.net/page/State_Directory_Map to determine requirements for the state in which you are interested in being licensed.

If you are a current student and will be teaching out-of-state, schedule an appointment with the executive director of the Education Support Center to discuss licensure requirements. To schedule, email halldm@jmu.edu.

2. Verification Forms:

If you are applying for licensure outside of Virginia, and the state requires a verification form to be completed, please complete the top portion with your information and send the form to the Education Support Center as below.

- Be sure to indicate how and to whom you want the form returned.
- Please provide contact information (email and phone) in case we have questions.

Verification forms ask whether you **completed** an approved program - in order to be considered a 'completer' from JMU, you must have earned your degree(s) and/or applicable certificate, completed all required coursework including student teaching, and taken all tests that were required for licensure in Virginia at the time of your program.

Please note:

- We attempt to process all requests and return them to the requester within two weeks of receipt and if all requirements have been met.
- If you graduated prior to 2000, your request may take longer as we will need to request a copy of your transcript from the Registrar.
- If your form requires a seal, the processing time may be longer because after we complete the form, we submit it to the Registrar for the seal.

If you have any questions, please contact Dara Hall at halldm@jmu.edu or 540-568-2996.

Mail Application:
Education Support Center
MSC 6915
James Madison University
395 South High Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Scan & Email or Fax:
halldm@jmu.edu
Fax: (540) 568-3342

Hand Deliver:
Education Support Center
Memorial Hall
Room 7230E
Phone: (540) 568-6274

3. Reciprocity with a Virginia License:

Through the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement, Virginia's Teacher License is accepted by almost all of the U.S. states (see <https://www.teaching-certification.com/teaching/virginia-teacher-reciprocity.html> for a list of states in which the Virginia Teacher License is accepted). However, *all jurisdictions that participate in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement may choose to have additional requirements for educators who are coming from another jurisdiction. These additional requirements are known as "Jurisdiction Specific Requirements" (JSRs). Most times these additional requirements vary upon the educator's years of experience. Some jurisdictions, however, consider themselves "full-reciprocity" and do not have any additional requirements.* [NOTE: the italicized text is directly from <https://www.nasdtrec.net/page/InterstateAgreements>]

Please note that while the following 3 states do not allow someone with a Virginia Teacher License to obtain a standard teacher license, you could obtain other types of licenses.

- Alaska indicates that candidates can apply for an initial teaching certificate. Go to <https://education.alaska.gov/FAQ/TeacherCertification/All#q37>
- Iowa indicates that candidates can apply for a regional exchange teaching license. Go to <https://www.boee.iowa.gov/licauthorization/regional-exchange-teaching-license-out-state-applicants>
- Minnesota indicates you can obtain Tier 3 licensure with passing of exams and meeting requirements (which is the same for all reciprocity agreements). Go to <https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/requirements/>.