

To Qualify for a Lateral Entry License

Must have at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university **and** meet one (1) of the criteria from each side below.

One of the Following:

Relevant Major

(All license areas except Elementary Education and Special Education)

OR

24 semester hours of course work

in the licensure area you wish to teach (minimum grade of C in each course) (all license areas except Elementary Education and Special Education)

OR

Pass the NC State Board of Education (SBE) approved licensure exam/s for the teaching area which include...

- Praxis II—for the majority of license areas effective 7/1/14
- Pearson tests—for Elementary Education effective 10/1/14 (All three exams MUST be passed prior to employment.)
- Praxis II and Pearson tests—for Special Education/General Curriculum effective 10-1-14 (The Praxis II required exam MUST be passed prior to employment.) Additional information about Pearson exams will be given upon receipt of lateral entry license.
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)—for World Languages except English

One of the Following:

Have a minimum, cumulative **2.5 GPA** on either your bachelor's, master's, specialist's, or doctorate degree

OR

Five years of experience considered relevant by the employing school system

OR

Passing scores on *Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators*, or a total SAT score of **1100**, or a total ACT score of **24**

PLUS one of the following;

- GPA of 3.0 in the major field of study **or**
- GPA of 3.0 in all courses in senior year **or**
- GPA of 3.0 on a minimum of 15 semester hours of courses completed within the last five years after the bachelor's degree.



Notes:

- A lateral entry license will be requested by the NC public or charter school system that employs you as a teacher.
- Upon receipt of a lateral entry license, further requirements will be outlined and must be satisfied within 3 school years in order to qualify for a clear, Standard Professional I or II license. If ALL lateral requirements are not satisfied within the 3 years initially granted, then there is an additional 3 school year waiting period before another lateral entry license can be issued, provided the SBE approved licensure exam/s are met.
- The SBE policy on lateral entry can be found at <http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/> (TCP-A-001, Section 1.70).