

Licensure Disclosures

Northern Michigan University Educator Preparation Programs

Initial Licensure in Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education

Advanced and Additional Licensure in Reading K-8, Reading Specialist, Early Childhood, Educational Administration, and Learning Disabilities

Educational licensure in Michigan must be approved through the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Applicants for licensure in Michigan apply for initial certification or renewal through the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). [Guidance documents regarding Michigan initial licensure and recertification are available from the MDE.](#)

Education professionals seeking employment outside the State of Michigan should check with state department of education in the state or territory where they wish to apply and are strongly encouraged to obtain guidance from the school district in which they apply or obtain a position as specific requirements for states and territories and local school districts may vary as states and territories have autonomy over the licensure requirements. [Michigan has a signed Interstate Compact Agreement \(ICA\)](#) with every state agreeing to accept out-of-state teacher preparation programs and teaching certificates on a reciprocal basis for initial certification with all 50 states. The [Education Commission of the States website](#) provides solid information as to the expectations each state and the District of Columbia has for obtaining licensure beyond Michigan licensure.

A candidate enrolled in any NMU initial or advanced licensure program is highly encouraged to complete the curriculum, clinical experiences, internship, and appropriate Michigan Teacher Test for Certification (MTTC) licensure exam and to obtain the appropriate Michigan license through the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) to allow for a smoother transition to another state and the attainment of a teaching certificate in that state.

The NMU Teacher Education Program works with program completers to document coursework, licensure exam, and clinical experiences requirements for licensure in other states and territories. Program completers can email forms specific to other state licensure requirements to education@nmu.edu for completion by a Teacher Education representative.

Although the State of Michigan has education licensure reciprocity with all 50 states, it is important to know what other requirements need to be met for each state. The Licensure Disclosure table identifies those requirements.