

Thinking about Becoming a Teacher?

GREAT! Let's get started...

The traditional route to certification involves earning a Bachelor's degree and teaching certification at an accredited college, but there are other options available to obtain your teaching certification.

OPTION 1: EXCEPTIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Candidates with exceptional, non-teaching work experience in an academic content area, who have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree with a 2.75 GPA may be eligible.

Example: Candidate has work experience in accounting and wants to teach business classes.

OPTION 3: COLLEGE FACULTY

Candidates with a minimum of a Master's degree in an academic content area with at least 5 years teaching experience in that content at the college level may be eligible.

Example: Candidate with a Master's in science who has taught college biology courses for 5 years could teach high school biology.

OPTION 5: ARMED FORCES VETERANS

Eligible candidates are veterans with at least 6 years military service, an honorable discharge, minimum of a Bachelor's degree in an academic content area or meet Praxis II content assessment requirements, and a GPA of at least 2.75.

OPTION 6: UNIVERSITY-BASED ROUTE

Individuals who hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a non-teaching major can work to attain initial teacher certification if they meet university admission program requirements and have a GPA of at least 2.75.

OPTION 8: TEACH FOR AMERICA (TFA)

A national non-profit organization that recruits, trains and supports outstanding recent college graduates for career placement in participating school districts with the Appalachian Region of Kentucky. For more information, please contact Teach for America Appalachia.

OPTION 9: EXPEDITED ROUTE

This expedited route results in a Bachelor's degree and initial certification after THREE YEARS. Candidate must be a full-time classified employee of a participating school district while completing coursework at a partnering university. HCPS partners with Midway University and University of the Cumberlands.

WE CAN HELP!

For more information, call Henry County Public Schools at 502.845.8600, or consult with the Kentucky Educator Credentialing System (KECS) by visiting kecs.education.ky.gov, or learn more at the Kentucky Department of Education website at education.ky.gov.

