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For out of state educators, Illinois offers full reciprocity. At the time of the initial evaluation for an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL), educators will be considered for all areas listed on his or her valid, comparable out of state license. Per Part 25 Rules, all out-of-state licenses must be equivalent to the Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL). For more information, go to <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure.aspx>

*At Lewis University, an education student may apply for licensure in another state **after** they have received their Illinois professional educator license (PEL). State licensing authorities require documentation of program completion which is provided by the University's Educator Licensure Officer. Additional testing, coursework, fees, background checks, and other requirements may apply. **Lewis University cannot guarantee an individual student will be eligible for licensure in any other state.** State requirements for reciprocity are reviewed annually and are subject to change.*

This disclosure applies to the following programs housed within the College of Education and Social Sciences:

- Combined Special/Elementary Education, B.A.
- Computer Science Endorsement
- Curriculum and Instruction: English as a Second Language, M.Ed.
- Curriculum and Instruction: Literacy and English Language Learning, M.Ed.
- Curriculum and Instruction: Reading Teacher Endorsement, M.Ed.
- Curriculum and Instruction: Technology, Learning, and Design, M.Ed.
- Early Childhood Special Education, B.A., M.A., Letter of Approval
- Educational Leadership with Principal Endorsement, M.Ed.
- Educational Leadership with Teacher Leader Endorsement, M.Ed.
- Director of Special Education Endorsement
- Elementary Education, B.A., M.A.
- English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education Endorsement
- Foreign Language Education B.A., M. Ed
- Learning Behavior Specialist I Endorsement
- Middle Level Education, B.A., M.A.
- Reading Specialist, Endorsement, M.A.
- Secondary Education, B.A., M.A.
- Special Education, B.A., M.A.

Alabama - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Alabama recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer professional certification in Alabama. To apply for an Alabama certificate, there is an application process including a two part application, application fee, verification of citizenship, background check, copy of valid license, official transcripts, verification of work experience, and verification of licensure tests from the Illinois State Board of Education. Additional testing, coursework, or other information/documentation may be required. Note that Alabama may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Alabama Department of Education Office of Teaching and Leading at 334-694-4900 or email at comm@alsde.edu.

Alaska - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Alaska requires a valid out-of-state license and at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of application and evaluation. The application process includes an initial application, a checklist, program verification, employment verification, background check, official transcripts, notarization, and fees. Additional testing and coursework is required within 1 -3 years of initial certificate. Additional information/ documentation may be required. Note that Alaska may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Alaska Department of Education Teacher Certification Office at 907-465-2800 or eed.webmaster@alaska.gov.

American Samoa - Under Review <https://www.amsamoadoe.com/>. (684) 633-5237

Arizona - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

The Arizona Department of Education may issue a comparable teaching, administrative, or professional non-teaching certificate to an applicant who holds a valid, comparable certificate in another state and is in good standing in that other state. Applicants may also qualify to add additional approved areas or endorsements to existing teaching certificates if they hold a valid, comparable approved area or endorsement in another state. Individuals who qualify under Certification Reciprocity Rules are exempt from Arizona educator exam requirements. To apply for an Arizona license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete a background check, submit official transcripts, and fees. Additional testing, coursework, or other information/documentation may be required to maintain a license/certificate. Note that Arizona may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Arizona Department of Education Office of Educator Certification at 602-542-5393 or certification@azed.gov

Arkansas - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Arkansas accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and universities and evaluates each case on an individual basis. The applicant must email the Arkansas Department of Education to receive a reciprocity packet to complete at ade.educatorlicensure@arkansas.gov. The applicant will complete the online application, submit a fee, complete a background check (fees apply), provide official transcripts, provide a copy of the out-of-state license, state licensure exam scores, and verification of employment (if applicable). An Arkansas History course is required for specific licensure areas, including early childhood and elementary education, middle childhood social studies, and secondary social studies, and can be taken once a provisional Arkansas license is granted. Additional testing and other information/documentation may be required. Note that Arkansas may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Arkansas Office of Educator Licensure at 501-682-4342 or ade.educatorlicensure@arkansas.gov

California - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a California license at the Commission for Teacher Credentialing, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, evidence of fingerprint processing, evidence of completing state licensing exams, verification of full-time teaching (if applicable). Note that requirements vary for various licensure areas, such as elementary, middle, and secondary. Other items may be required. Note that California may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing at credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

Colorado - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Colorado license, educators must complete at least a bachelor's degree from a state-approved educator preparation program at a regionally accredited college or universities and hold a valid license from another state. The application process includes completing an application, application fee, completion of a background check, citizenship verification, official transcripts, verification of work experience or verification of approved program, and employment history. Additional coursework or testing may be required. Note that Colorado may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office at 303-866-6628 or CDELicensing@cde.state.co.us

Connecticut - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Connecticut license, educators must complete at least a bachelor's degree from a state-approved educator preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university. The application process includes completing an application, application fee, official transcripts, statement of successful professional experience (if applicable), copy of valid out-of-state license, and a statement from the preparing higher education institution with the college's or university's seal on it and the signature of the dean. Additional coursework or testing may be required. Note that Connecticut may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Connecticut State Department of Education at 860-713-6969 or teacher.cert@ct.gov

Delaware - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Delaware accepts the recommendations from educator preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and universities and evaluates each case on an individual basis. The applicant must complete an online application, submit official transcripts, copy of valid out-of-state license, verification of teaching experience form (if applicable), state licensure exam scores (including a performance-based assessment for teachers), and application fee. Special Education licenses may require additional coursework and testing. Endorsements may not be reciprocal. Other items may be required. Note that Delaware may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Delaware Department of Education Licensure and Certification Office at 302-857-3388 or deeds@doe.k12.de.us

District of Columbia - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a District of Columbia (DC) license, you must have obtained a license in another state and earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, complete an application process, submit a copy of a valid out-of-state license, program completion verification form, official transcripts, background check by the FBI, state licensure exam scores, and fees. Other items may be required. Note that DC may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the DC Division of Teaching and Learning Educator Credentialing at 202-727-6436 or OSSE.Asklicensure@dc.gov

Florida - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Florida license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application, fees, submit official transcripts, and evidence of fingerprint processing. Other items may be required. Note that Florida may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Florida Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification at 800-455-6739 or visit their website for email: <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/staff-contact/>

Georgia - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Georgia license, you must have obtained a license in another state, submit an online application, verification of citizenship, verification of experiences (if applicable), copy of valid out-of-state license, state licensure exam scores, official transcripts, a background check, completion of a special education/exceptional child course, ethics assessment and a processing fee. Additional requirements, such as fees, testing, and coursework may apply. Note that Georgia may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Georgia Professional Standards Commission at 800- 869-7775 or <https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/EmailPSC.aspx>

Guam - Under Review

<https://www.gdoe.net/> 671-300-1547

Hawaii - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Hawaii recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer a license in Hawaii. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. To apply for a Hawaii license, the applicant must submit their official transcripts, state licensure exam scores, a program verification form, and a copy of a valid out-of-state license. There are no application fees. Other information may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Note that Hawaii may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board at 808-586-2300 or htsb@hawaii.gov

Idaho - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Idaho requires a valid out-of-state license and at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited (CAEP/NCATE/TEAC) educator preparation program from a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of application and evaluation. The application process includes an initial application, application fee, background check, copy of valid out-of-state license, official transcripts, and state licensure exam scores. Other information/documentation may be required. Note that Idaho may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Idaho State Department of Education Certification Office at 208-332-6882 or certification@sde.idaho.gov

Illinois – Meets

Lewis University prepares students for a professional educator license in Illinois through approved programs authorized by the Illinois State Board of Education. See <https://www.isbe.net/doap> for a listing of approved programs offered by Lewis University.

Indiana - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Indiana requires out-of-state licensure holders to have completed an accredited or state approved educator preparation program and complete a content area test. Other requirements include CPR/Heimlich/AED training, suicide prevention training, proof of out-of-state licensure, official transcripts, official licensure exam score reports, completion of an application process, and fees. Additional coursework may be required for certain licensure programs. Other items may be required. Note that Indiana may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Indiana Department of Education at 317-232-9010 or licensinghelp@doe.in.gov

Iowa - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for an Iowa license, the applicant must submit an online application, official transcripts, verification of program completion form, copy of valid out-of-state license, state licensure exam scores, and experience verification form (if applicable). Other requirements may include fees, additional coursework, addition testing, background checks, etc. Note that Iowa may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners at 815-281-3605 or David.Wempen@iowa.gov.

Kansas - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Kansas accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, a valid out-of-state license, background check, verification of teaching experience (if applicable), state licensing exam scores, verification of program completion, and fees. Other items may be required. Note that Kansas may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Kansas State Department of Education Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Office at 785-296-2288 or dstephan@ksde.org

Kentucky - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Kentucky accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. There is an application, a fee, submission of official transcripts, a copy of a teaching license, and completion of the Praxis exams (unless you have verifiable two years of teaching experience). Other requirements may apply. Note that Kentucky may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Kentucky Division of Educator Licensure at 502-564-5846 or KDELicensure@education.ky.gov

Louisiana- Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Louisiana license, the applicant must hold a valid out-of-state license and complete an application process, including an initial application, submission of official transcripts, copy of out-of-state license, certification of program completion completed by the head of the education department, experience verification form (if applicable), professional conduct form, state licensure exam scores, and a fee. Additional requirements may apply, such as testing, additional coursework, fees, background check, etc. Note that Louisiana may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Louisiana Department of Education at 877-453-2721 or Certification@la.gov

Maine - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Maine accepts the recommendations from educator preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. There is an application process, fees, submission of official transcripts, a copy of valid out of state license, and state licensure exam scores. Additional requirements may apply, such as additional fees, background check, coursework, and testing. Note that Maine may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Maine Department of Education Certification and Credentialing Office at 207-624- 6603 or cert.doe@maine.gov.

Maryland - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

If an applicant has completed an educator preparation program in another state, successfully passed the state licensure exams, and holds a valid out-of-state license, they can apply for a Maryland license. Other application materials include official transcripts, copy of the out -of-state license, verification of test scores, an application, and cover letter. No fees required with the initial application. Upon review of this information, the applicant will be contacted with further instructions. Other requirements may be required. Note that Maryland may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Maryland State Department of Education at certinfo.msde@maryland.gov or 410-767-0406.

Massachusetts - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Massachusetts requires applicants to have completed a state approved and/or accredited (though CAEP/TEAC/NCATE) educator preparation program and have a valid out-of-state license. There is also an application process and required application fees. Additional requirements may include, but not be limited to passing additional state exams and earning the Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement required for specific licensure areas. Note that Massachusetts may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Massachusetts Office of Educator Licensure at 781-338-6600

Michigan - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Michigan accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Upon review of the application, which includes proof of first aid and CPR training, and a fee. Other initial documentation may be required. The applicant will be notified if there are any additional coursework or testing requirements to fulfil. Note that Michigan may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Michigan Department of Education at 833-633-5788 or EducatorHelp@michigan.gov

Minnesota - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Minnesota accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. The application process requires an application, background check, official transcripts, verification of program completion, verification of teaching experience, and fees. Additional coursework, testing, and information may be required. Note that Minnesota may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board at 651-539-4200 or pelsb@state.mn.us

Mississippi - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Mississippi recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer licensure in Mississippi. To apply, complete an online application, submit official transcripts, a copy of valid out-of-state license, and state licensure exam scores. There is no fee to apply for a license. Other requirements may apply. Note that Mississippi may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Mississippi Office of Education Licensure at 601-359-3483 or teachersupport@mdek12.org

Missouri - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Missouri license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, a background check, and verification of full-time teaching if applicable. Other requirements may apply. Note that Missouri may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Educator Certification Office at 573-751-0051 or certification@dese.mo.gov

Montana - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Montana accepts the recommendations from nationally accredited (NCATE, CAEP, TEAC, MACTE) educator preparation programs, from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and universities, and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Prior to application, the applicant must complete a free online course titled “An Introduction of Indian Education for All in Montana” and provide proof of completion when applying. In order to apply for a Montana license, the applicant must complete an online application, submit official transcripts, state licensure exam scores, copy of valid out-of-state license, Indian Education course completion certificate, recommendation for teaching form completed by an official from the educator preparation program, notarized statement of code of ethics, background check, verification of teaching experience, and fees. Additional requirements, such as coursework and testing, may apply. Note that Montana may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Montana Office of Public Instruction Educator Licensure Program at cert@mt.gov

Nebraska - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Nebraska accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. To apply for a Nebraska certificate, an applicant needs to complete an application process, including an initial application, official transcripts, institutional verification form, background check, completion of a basic skills test (Praxis) or two years of teaching experience, evidence of completion of a content test (Praxis), and fees. Additional coursework for Special Education and Human Relations may be required. Additional coursework, testing, and information/documentation may be required. Note that Nebraska may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Nebraska Department of Education Teacher Certification Office at 402-471-0739 or nde.tcertweb@nebraska.gov

Nevada - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Nevada requires a valid out-of-state license and completion of an educator preparation program that include student teaching, testing, and appropriate academic content. The application process requires an initial application, fees, submission of official transcripts, criminal background check, and submission of valid teaching license. Other information, including additional testing requirements, may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Note that Nevada may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Nevada Office of Educator Licensure at 775-687-9115 or license@doe.nv.gov

New Hampshire - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

New Hampshire accepts the recommendations from nationally accredited educator preparation programs from regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. The application process requires the submission of an initial application, official transcripts, program verification form completed by the leader of the education program (Dean, Chair, Director, etc.), state licensure exam scores, fees, and copy of out-of-state license. Other requirements may apply. Note that New Hampshire may have different licenses than Illinois and may not accept all endorsements. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing at 603-271-2409 or <https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/6>

New Jersey - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

New Jersey accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Upon review of the application, which includes an application, transcripts, licensure exam scores, copy of out-of-state license, verification of program completion, completed record of experiences (if applicable), and fees. Other initial documentation may be required. The applicant will be notified if there are any additional coursework or testing requirements to fulfill. Note that New Jersey may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Certification and Induction at Licensing.Requests@doe.nj.gov

New Mexico - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a New Mexico license, you must complete an application process which includes an initial application, fees, official transcripts (indicating an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university), copy of out-of-state license, verification of work experience, and passage of state licensure exams. Additional requirements, Praxis testing, and fees may apply. Note that New Mexico may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the New Mexico Public Education Department Licensure Unit at 501-231-4443 or LicensureUnit@state.nm.us

New York - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

New York accepts the recommendations from educator preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Upon review of the application, which includes an application, transcripts, background checks, and an application fee (other initial documentation may be required). Upon review, the applicant will be notified if there are any coursework or testing requirements to fulfil. Certification requirements may differ based on each individual subject area. A 2.5 cumulative GPA is required. Note that New York may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the New York State Department of Education Office of Teaching Initiatives at 518-474-3901.

North Carolina - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a North Carolina license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, evidence of completing state licensing exams, verification of full-time teaching and/or educator effectiveness data, verification of program completion, and verification of student teaching (if applicable). Note that requirements vary for various licensure areas, such as elementary, special education, and administration. Additional requirements, Praxis testing, and fees may apply. Note that North Carolina may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Licensure Office at 800-577-7994 or asklicensure@dpi.nc.gov

North Dakota - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

North Dakota recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer certification in North Dakota. Applicants must submit a copy of the valid out-of-state license, confirmation of license, an online application, fees, background check, and state licensing exam results. Additional requirements, Praxis testing, and fees may apply. Note that North Dakota may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the North Dakota Education Standards and Practice Board at 701-328-9641 or espinfo@nd.gov.

Ohio – Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To become a licensed teacher in Ohio, you must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and have completed an approved teacher preparation program through an accredited college/university. One-Year Out-of-State – If you are employed in an Ohio school, you may apply for a one-year out-of-state teaching license to allow time to complete the required Ohio licensure exam(s). To be eligible for this license, you must hold a valid, standard out-of-state teaching license and have met all requirements for a standard Ohio teaching license except for the Ohio licensure exams. You may only apply for the one-year out-of-state license at the request of your employing Ohio school. Additional requirements, testing, and fees may apply. Note that Ohio may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Contact the Ohio Department of Education at contact.center@education.ohio.gov 877-644-6338 for more information.

Oklahoma - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Oklahoma recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer certification in Oklahoma. Applicants must submit an initial application, verification of teaching experience (if applicable), copy of out-of-state license, official transcripts from state approved, regionally accredited college/university, processing fee, background check, and copies of state licensure exams to be reviewed. Additional requirements may apply. Note that Oklahoma may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Oklahoma State Department of Education Teacher Certification Office at 405-521-3337 or sdeservicedesk@sde.ok.gov

Oregon - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Oregon accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Applicants must hold an out-of-state license prior to application. The application process includes a completed application, verification of work experience, background check and fingerprinting, official transcripts, state licensure test scores, verification of teacher preparation program completion, and fees. Additional information/documentations, testing, coursework, or other requirements may be necessary. Applicants must never have held an Oregon license or completed an Oregon teacher preparation program. Note that Oregon may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission at 503-378-3586 or contact.tspc@oregon.gov

Pennsylvania - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Pennsylvania requires a valid out-of-state license and at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of application. The application process requires an initial application, submission of official transcripts, completion verification form completed by the university the applicant attended, experience verification form, submission of valid teaching license, submission of licensure exams including basic skills tests (ACT, SAT, Praxis Core), and fees. Other information may be requested on a case-by-case basis and additional exams may be required. Note that Pennsylvania may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Certification Services at 717-PA-TEACH or ra-edcertquestions@pa.gov

Puerto Rico - Under Review <https://de.pr.gov/> 787-759-2000

Rhode Island - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Rhode Island accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from state-approved, regionally accredited colleges and universities and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Application process requires an initial application, official transcripts, copy of out-of-state license, verification of completed program, verification of work history, and fees. Other information may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Note that Rhode Island may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Rhode Island Department of Education Educator Certification Office at 401-222-8893 or egac@ride.ri.gov

South Carolina - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a South Carolina license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, evidence of fingerprint processing, evidence of completing state licensing exams, verification of full-time teaching (if applicable). Other requirements may apply. Note that South Carolina may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the South Carolina Office of Educator Services at certification@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-8500.

South Dakota - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

South Dakota requires applicants to have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a valid out-of-state license. There is an application process that requires an online application, application fees, official transcripts, copy of valid out-of-state license, educator experience verification (if applicable), completion of free, online suicide awareness and prevention training, and verification of out-of-state license form. An additional course, "South Dakota Indian Studies" is required within your first year of receiving a provisional South Dakota license. Additional testing, coursework, and information may be required. Note that South Dakota may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the South Dakota Office of Educator Certification at 605-773-3134 or certification@state.sd.us

Tennessee - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Tennessee requires applicants to have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a valid out-of-state license. There is also an application process and required application fees. Applicants must also submit official transcripts. Additional requirements may include, but not be limited to passing additional state exams and verification of work experience. Note that Tennessee may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Tennessee Department of Education Office of Educator Licensure at 615-532-4885 or educator.licensure@tn.gov

Texas - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a Texas license, you must have obtained a license in another state, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, evidence of fingerprint processing, and evidence of completing state licensing exams. Other requirements may apply. Note that Texas may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Texas Education Agency at 512-463-9734 or by visiting the Division of Educator Certification website: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification>

Utah - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Utah accepts the recommendations from educator preparation programs from regionally accredited colleges and universities and evaluates each case on an individual basis. To apply for a Utah license, the applicant must complete a background check, submit an initial application and an additional application for Secondary Education and Special Education licenses, submit state licensure exam scores, submit original transcripts, complete an Educator Ethics Review, submit a copy of a valid out-of-state license, and verification of educator experience (if applicable). Additional requirements, such as additional coursework and fees, may apply. Note that Utah may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Utah State Board of Education Licensing at 801-538-7740 or licensing@schools.utah.gov

Vermont - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Vermont recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer a license in Vermont. Completion of a state approved educator preparation program with at least a bachelor’s degree is required. To apply, submit official transcripts, an online application, copy of valid out-of-state license, fee, background check, and valid first aid AED/CPR certifications. Additional information/documentation may be required. Note that Vermont may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Vermont Agency of Education Licensing Office at 802-828-3440 or AOE.LicensingInfo@vermont.gov

Virginia - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Virginia accepts the recommendations from teacher preparation programs from regionally accredited colleges and university and evaluates each case on an individual basis. Upon review of the application, which includes an application, transcripts, college verification form completed by the licensure officers of the applicant's university, report on teaching experience (if applicable), proof of first aid and CPR training, proof of child abuse training and dyslexia awareness (modules provided from Virginia Department of Education for no charge) and an application fee , the applicant will be notified if there are any coursework or testing requirements to fulfil. Other requirements may be necessary depending on the applicant's field of study. Note that Virginia may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Virginia Department of Teacher Education and Licensure at 804-225-2022 or licensure@doe.virginia.gov

Virgin Islands - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

For initial certification in the U.S. Virgin Islands, all candidates must: Earn a baccalaureate degree. Submit appropriate applications. Submit official transcripts from all accredited institutions. Demonstrate proof of U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or other approved work status. Complete a course in Virgin Islands history within the first year of employment. Pass the Praxis tests for their certification area. Note that the Virgin Islands may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact stt@myviboe.com or call 340-774-4546 for St. Thomas. Contact stx@myviboe.com or call 340-772-4144 for St. Croix.

Washington - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Washington requires a valid out-of-state license and at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of application. The application process requires an initial application, submission of official transcripts, submission of valid teaching license, state licensure test scores, basic skills test scores (ACT, SAT, Praxis Core, or WEST-B), background check, completion of a program verification form by the applicant's university, verification of work experience, and application fees. Certain programs may have additional requirements, such as Early Childhood Special Education, Special Education, and General Science. Other information may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Note that Washington may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Washington Professional Certification Office at cert@k12.wa.us

West Virginia - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

To apply for a West Virginia license, you must have obtained a license in another state and earned at least a bachelor's degree, complete an application process, fees, submit official transcripts, and verification of student teaching experience. West Virginia Department of Education may require the applicant to complete state testing requirements as well. Other requirements may apply. Note that West Virginia may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the West Virginia Department of Education Office of Certification at 800-982-2378 or bfittro@k12.wv.us lbuchan@k12.wv.us

Wisconsin - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

If an applicant has completed an educator preparation program in another state and earned at least a bachelor's degree, successfully passed the state licensure exams, and holds a valid out-of-state license, they can apply for a Wisconsin license. The application along with required documents (which may include, but are not limited to official transcripts, fingerprint results, testing results, institutional recommendation, and employment verification, if applicable, are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Note that Wisconsin may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at 608-266-3390 or <https://dpi.wi.gov/support/contact-educator-licensing>

Wyoming - Does Not Meet - Eligible with Application

Wyoming recognizes valid professional educator certificates/licenses issued by other states as the basis to offer professional certification in Wyoming. Applicant must have a valid out-of-state license and at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of application. Application also requires the completion of an application packet, official transcripts, background check, state licensure test scores, verification of work history (if applicable), demonstration of both U.S. and Wyoming Constitutional knowledge, institutional recommendation completed by a college official, and fees. Additional coursework and testing may be required. Note that Wyoming may have different licenses than Illinois. *Lewis University cannot guarantee that an individual student will be eligible for licensure.* Please contact the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board at 307-777-7291 or wyoptsb@wyo.gov

Complaint Procedures

Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Integrity Rules, Lewis University must provide to prospective students the contact information for filing complaints with each state licensing entity and any other relevant agency that would handle the complaint. A listing of state licensing agencies is found [here](#).

If a student has a complaint about the institution, complaints must first go through the institution's standard procedure for resolution of student grievances. Lewis University's complaint process can be found [here](#). If a student is not satisfied with the outcome of the institutional process, the complaint may then be brought to the Illinois State Board of Higher Education found [here](#). The state where the student is located also may resolve the complaint. Although students may choose to work through their own state's office for complaint resolution, the office of the state where the provider is located is responsible for staffing the investigation and complaint resolution.