

Applicant Requirements by Alternative Certification Type

Applicant Requirements		General Education	TFA	CTE	SPED
Apply for and receive an Alternative Preliminary Certificate		X	X	X	
Receive a job offer from a South Dakota school/district		X	X	X	X
Apply for Alternative Certificate (1-year certificate)	Suicide awareness and prevention training	X	X	X	X
	Bachelor's degree or higher	X	X		X
	Associate of applied science degree or higher in related CTE field			X	
	Documentation of 4000 hours of work experience in related CTE field			X	
	National certification in related CTE field			X	
	Participate in TFA program		X		
	Active teaching certificate				X
	3 years of teaching experience in past 5 years				X
Reapply for Alternative Certification up to additional 2 years or until all requirements are met	Suicide awareness and prevention training	X	X	X	X
	Submit recommendation for renewal from employing school	X	X	X	X
	Submit verification of continued eligibility for TFA program		X		
	Submit evidence of progress toward completion of requirements	X	X	X	X
Apply for Transition from Alternative Certification when all requirements are met		X	X	X	X
District requirements		General Education	TFA	CTE	SPED
Verify applicant has valid Alternative Preliminary Certificate		X	X	X	
Verify applicant has valid teaching certificate and 3 years of teaching experience in past 5 years					X
Document school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher prior to hiring applicant with alternative certificate		X	X	X	X
Offer a mentoring program		X	X	X	
Provide mentorship by individual with special education experience					X
Provide applicant with information about South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers		X	X	X	
Train applicant on school's teacher evaluation system		X	X	X	
Annually recommend applicant for renewal, based on documented performance and progress		X	X	X	X
Applicant requirements to Complete the Program		General Education	TFA	CTE	SPED
Pass state-designated pedagogy test		X	X	X	X
Pass state-designated Special Education content test					X
Participate in a mentor program		X	X	X	
Complete approved 3-credit South Dakota Indian Studies course		X	X	X	
Complete 12 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: Classroom Management, Teaching Methods, Student Assessment, Differentiated Instruction, Adolescent Psychology		X	X		
Complete 9 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six transcribed credits in Methods of CTE and Mentorship • Three transcribed credit Adolescent Psychology course 				X	
Complete a 6-credit, year-long SPED practicum and 9 credits of coursework in SPED law, SPED assessment, and SPED education-related course					X
Receive sign-off from employing district		X	X	X	X