

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

This document highlights options made available through the 2017 educator certification rules

Alternative Certification Paths for Teachers

<p>General Education (GEA)</p>	<p>Leads to a secondary or K-12 preparation with corresponding endorsement areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 preparation include: Art, Health, PE, Music, Reading, World Languages, Computers, Gifted Education, School Library, Deaf or Hearing Impaired, Blind or Visually Impaired, English as a New Language and South Dakota Indian Studies. • GEA is not intended for individuals who want to teach CTE, Special Education, Early Childhood or K-4 Elementary Core content. • After completion of requirements, applicants may add other endorsements based on the preparation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To add CTE endorsements, applicants must complete the CTE methods course. ○ To add Special Education, applicants have two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ meeting the K-12 Special Education endorsement requirements, or ▪ completing Alternative Certification for Special Education. • Early Childhood and K-4 Elementary Education requires a university preparation program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/teacherredprograms.aspx
<p>Career and Technical Education (CTE)</p>	<p>Leads to a CTE preparation. Individuals going through this pathway may also add endorsements for other areas such as math, science, etc.</p> <p>Individuals who want to teach CTE but not complete the additional coursework requirements may prefer to apply for a CTE Instructor Permit. The permit is limited to only CTE pathways, and individuals may not add other endorsements except those specifically available through that route.</p>
<p>Teach for America (TFA)</p>	<p>Applicants must be participants in the Teach for America (TFA) program. According to the TFA website, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.</p>
<p>Special Education (SPED)</p>	<p>Applicants must have a valid teaching certificate and 3 years of teaching experience within the past 5 years prior to applying for this option.</p>