

EDUCATOR PERMITS

This document highlights options made available through the 2017 and 2019 educator certification rules

FOR TEACHERS	
EDUCATOR PERMITS	DESCRIPTION
CTE Instructor	Allows individuals without a teaching degree to teach a limited number of CTE courses. Not considered an alternative route to certification and upon completion of requirements, applicants cannot add endorsements other than the ones available through this permit.
Expert Lecturer	Allows applicants with distinctive qualifications and experiences to teach a specific course which adds unique learning opportunities for students. Not intended to fill a vacant position.
Performing Artist	Designed to allow districts flexibility in the areas of art, dance, drama, and music when district is unable to hire a certified teacher.
Driver's Education Instructor	Allows individuals to be certified to teach Driver's Education and sign off on completion of the state-approved driver education course. Applicants are not required to have a teaching degree.
International Exchange Teacher	Allows teachers from another country to teach in South Dakota for 5 years. Does not allow applicants to receive a full teacher certificate and is non-renewable.
Native American Language and Culture	Allows individuals without a teaching degree to teach the Lakota language and culture. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of the language and culture.
Eminent Scholar Language and Culture	Allows individuals without a teaching degree to teach the Lakota language and culture. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of the language and culture and meet requirements for the Eminent Scholar Program.
American Sign Language Instructor	Allows applicants without a teaching degree to serve as instructor of American sign language.
Braille Education Instructor	Allows applicants without a teaching degree to serve as instructors for blind or visually-impaired students.
Junior ROTC Instructor	Allows applicants without a teaching degree to serve as instructors for ROTC assignments.
Library Science Permit	Allows applicants without a teaching degree to serve as a school librarian.
FOR ADMINISTRATORS/OTHER EDUCATION AREAS	
EDUCATOR PERMITS	DESCRIPTION
CEO Educator	Allows someone without an administrator degree to serve in the leadership role of a district or school in the absence of a certified school superintendent or K-12 principal.
School Business Official	Allows applicants to act as a business manager for a district. This permit is not required.