

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS BY STATE

The **Associate of Arts in Elementary Education** degree is designed for students interested in elementary education who are preparing to transfer to one of the Arizona public universities to complete a baccalaureate program and qualify for an Arizona teaching certificate.

[Associate of Arts in Elementary Education](#)

[Early Childhood Education Advanced Certificate](#)

[Early Childhood Education Basic Certificate](#)

LICENSING/REGISTRY AGENCY

These are the **official state licensure websites or departments** where you can find **Education and Early Childhood program licensure information**:

Click on Licensing Departments for access to licensure page.

State	Licensing Departments	Meets	Does Not Meet
Alabama	Alabama State Department of Education		X
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development		X
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education – Certification	X	
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education – Educator Licensure		X
California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing		X
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education – Educator Licensing		X
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education – Certification		X
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education – Licensure & Certification		X
District of Columbia	Office of the State Superintendent of		X

	<u>Education (OSSE)</u>		
Florida	<u>Florida Department of Education – Educator Certification</u>		X
Georgia	<u>Georgia Professional Standards Commission</u>		X
Hawaii	<u>Hawaii Teacher Standards Board</u>		X
Idaho	<u>Idaho State Department of Education – Certification</u>		X
Illinois	<u>Illinois State Board of Education – Educator Licensure</u>		X
Indiana	<u>Indiana Department of Education – Licensing</u>		X
Iowa	<u>Iowa Board of Educational Examiners</u>		X
Kansas	<u>Kansas State Department of Education</u>		X
Kentucky	<u>Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board</u>		X
Louisiana	<u>Louisiana Department of Education – Educator Certification</u>		X
Maine	<u>Maine Department of Education – Certification</u>		X
Maryland	<u>Maryland State Department of Education – Certification</u>		X
Massachusetts	<u>Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>		X
Michigan	<u>Michigan Department of Education – Office of Educator Excellence</u>		X
Minnesota	<u>Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board</u>		X
Mississippi	<u>Mississippi Department of Education – Educator Licensure</u>		X
Missouri	<u>Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>		X
Montana	<u>Montana Office of Public Instruction – Educator Licensure</u>		X
Nebraska	<u>Nebraska Department of Education – Educator Certification</u>		X
Nevada	<u>Nevada Department of Education – Educator Licensure</u>		X
New Hampshire	<u>New Hampshire Department of Education – Bureau of Credentialing</u>		X
New Jersey	<u>New Jersey Department of Education – Certification</u>		X
New Mexico	<u>New Mexico Public Education Department – Licensure</u>		X
New York	<u>New York State Education Department – Office of Teaching Initiatives</u>		X
North Carolina	<u>North Carolina Department of Public Instruction – Licensure</u>		X

North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board		X
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education – Educator Licenses		X
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education – Teacher Certification		X
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission		X
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education – Certification		X
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education – Certification		X
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education – Educator Licensure		X
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education – Certification		X
Tennessee	Tennessee Department of Education – Educator Licensing		X
Texas	Texas Education Agency – Educator Certification		X
Utah	Utah State Board of Education – Educator Licensing		X
Vermont	Vermont Agency of Education – Licensing		X
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education – Licensure		X
Washington	Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction		X
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education – Certification		X
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction – Educator Licensing		X
Wyoming	Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board		X

These jurisdictions may have unique healthcare regulatory frameworks but align with U.S. **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** standards or use national certification bodies.

U.S. Territories	Licensing/Registry Agency	Licensure Details	Meets	Does Not Meet
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Education	Licensure required for all public school educators, including early childhood; requires degree, certification exam, and teacher prep program.		X
Guam	Guam Commission for Educator Certification (GCEC)	Licensure required for public school and early childhood teachers; must meet local and federally aligned standards.		X
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Public School System – Human Resources and Certification Office	Teachers must be certified through GCEC; includes early childhood educators. Requires education credentials and testing.		X
U.S. Virgin Islands	U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education – Division of Human Resources	Educator licensure required; early childhood educators must meet qualification standards and apply for teaching credentials.		X

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR NURSING PROGRAMS BY STATE

[Bachelor of Science in Nursing - BSN](#)

[Nursing - AAS](#)

[Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate](#)

[Practical Nursing Transition Certificate](#)

BOARDS OF NURSING

Nursing licensure (Registered Nurse [RN], Licensed Practical Nurse [LPN], etc.) is managed by each state's **Board of Nursing**, and all states require passing the **NCLEX exam** (administered by the NCSBN) in addition to meeting education and clinical requirements.

Click on Board Name for access to licensure page.

State	Board Name	Meets	Does Not Meet
Alabama	Alabama Board of Nursing	X	
Alaska	Alaska Board of Nursing		X
Arizona	Arizona State Board of Nursing	X	
Arkansas	Arkansas State Board of Nursing	X	
California	California Board of Registered Nursing		X
Colorado	Colorado State Nursing Board	X	
Connecticut	Board of Examiners for Nursing		X
Delaware	Delaware Board of Nursing	X	
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Board of Nursing		X
Florida	Florida Board of Nursing	X	
Georgia	Georgia Board of Nursing	X	
Hawaii	Hawaii Board of Nursing		X
Idaho	State of Idaho Board of Nursing	X	
Illinois	Illinois Board of Nursing		X
Indiana	Indiana State Board of Nursing	X	
Iowa	Iowa Board of Nursing	X	
Kansas	Kansas Board of Nursing	X	
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Nursing	X	
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Nursing	X	
Maine	State of Maine Board of Nursing		X

Maryland	Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing		X
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Health Professions Licensing		X
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Nursing		X
Mississippi	Mississippi Board of Nursing	X	
Missouri	Missouri Nursing of Board	X	
Montana	Montana Board of Nursing	X	
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	X	
Nevada	Nevada State Board of Nursing		X
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Nursing	X	
New Jersey	New Jersey Board of Nursing		X
New Mexico	New Mexico Board of Nursing	X	
New York	New York State Board of Nursing	X	
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Nursing	X	
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Nursing	X	
Ohio	Ohio Board of Nursing		X
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Board of Nursing	X	
Oregon	Oregon State Board of Nursing		X
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing		X
Rhode Island	State of Rhode Island Department of Health - Nursing		X
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Nursing	X	
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Nursing	X	
Tennessee	Tennessee Board of Nursing	X	
Texas	Texas Board of Nursing	X	
Utah	Utah Department of Commerce - Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing - Nursing	X	
Vermont	Vermont Board of Nursing		X
Virginia	Virginia Board of Nursing	X	
Washington	Washington Board of Nursing		X
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses	X	
Wisconsin	State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services - Board of Nursing	X	
Wyoming	Wyoming State Board of Nursing	X	

These U.S. territories maintain licensing boards or departments that regulate the nursing profession, and most follow **NCLEX** testing and **NCSBN** guidelines similar to U.S. states.

U.S. Territories	Board Name	Licensure Details	Meets	Does Not Meet
American Samoa	American Samoa Board of Nursing	Licensure required. Must complete an approved nursing program and pass licensing exams; board aligned with U.S. NCLEX standards.		X
Guam	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners	Licensure required. Nurses must meet local standards and may be required to obtain NCSBN/NCLEX recognition.		X
Northern Mariana Islands	Northern Mariana Islands Board of Nursing	Licensure required. Must pass the NCLEX and meet continuing education requirements.		X
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Nurse Examiners	Licensure required. Requires graduation from an approved program and successful completion of NCLEX.		X
U.S. Virgin Islands	U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Nursing Licensure	Licensure required. Must complete a nursing program and pass the NCLEX; license renewal requires CEUs.		X