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### **Alternative Certification Fact Sheet Special Education**

To be eligible for hire through Alternative Certification, a candidate must:

- Possess a Bachelor's Degree or higher with a 2.5 GPA
- Pass the Praxis I (Core Academic Skills for Educators)

Process:

1. Vacancy must be advertised twice at least for 10 working days
2. No certified applicants apply
3. Alternative Certification candidate receives formal offer of employment
4. Submit required information to WVDE for approval
5. Take 6 semester hours in education through Marshall University in coordination with the Southern Educational Services Cooperative.
6. Complete Beginning Teacher Internship as determined by the NCBOE
7. Pass the Content Area Praxis Exam
8. Pass the Praxis PLT (Principle of Learning and Teaching)
9. Receive satisfactory evaluations
10. Apply to WVDE for a Provisional Teaching Certificate
11. After renewing twice, Candidate will be eligible for a Professional Teaching Certificate.

### **Helpful Links:**

West Virginia Department of Education:

<https://wvde.us/certification-and-professional-preparation/teach-wv/>

Praxis information:

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/wv>

NCBOE Alternative Certification Program:

<http://boe.nich.k12.wv.us/>