

Licensure Updates

Qualifying for a Lateral Entry License

- Must have at least a Bachelor’s degree from a Regionally Accredited College or University *and*
- Meet (1) of the criteria from each side below

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	A N D	ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Relevant Degree		2.5 GPA
OR		OR
24 Semester Hours of course work in core area		Five years of experience considered relevant by the employing LEA
OR		OR
<p>Passing score on the NC State Board of Education (SBE) approved licensure exams for the teaching area which include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Praxis II – for the majority of license areas, eff. 07/01/14 ➤ Pearson Foundations of Reading (090) required for Elementary Education, eff. 4/1/2016 – 6/30/2016** ➤ Praxis II 5543 required for Special Ed: General Curriculum, eff. 10/01/2014 – 6/30/2016** ➤ <i>Effective 7/1/2016 - SBE testing is no longer required prior to being issued a lateral entry license in Elementary Education or any Exceptional Children area</i> ➤ the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) - for World Languages except English 		<p>Passing scores on Core Academic Skills for Educators, <u>or</u> a total SAT score of 1100, <u>or</u> a total ACT score of 24 <u>plus</u> one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GPA of 3.0 in the major field of study <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GPA of 3.0 in all courses in senior year <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GPA of 3.0 on a minimum of 15 semester hours of courses completed within the last five years after the bachelor’s degree.

NOTES:

- Individuals must first be employed by a N.C. public school system that will request the lateral on behalf of the teacher.
- Upon receipt of a lateral entry license, further requirements will be outlined and must be satisfied within 3 years in order to qualify for a clear, Standard Professional I or II license. If ALL lateral requirements are not satisfied within the 3 years initially granted, then there is an additional 3 year waiting period before another lateral entry license can be issued, provided the SBE approved licensure exam(s) are met.

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To **Qualify** for a Lateral Entry license in Elementary Education (K-6) and Exceptional Children – General Curriculum (K-12) **ONLY** based on the options below.

Pathway based on Academic Majors for Elementary Education	Pathway based on Academic Majors for Exceptional Children – General Curriculum (K-12)
<i>Birth-Kindergarten</i>	<i>Birth-Kindergarten</i>
<i>Child Development</i>	<i>Child Development</i>
<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
<i>Elementary Education</i>	<i>English/Language Arts</i>
<i>English/Language Arts</i>	<i>Family Studies</i>
<i>Family Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Sciences</i>
<i>Sciences</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
<i>Sociology</i>	<i>Special Education</i>
OR	
Pathway based on Coursework Equivalent to an Academic Major	Pathway based on Coursework Equivalent to an Academic Major
<i>English/Language Arts 2-3 content courses</i>	<i>English/Language Arts 2-3 content courses</i>
<i>AND</i>	<i>AND</i>
<i>Mathematics 2-3 content courses</i>	<i>Mathematics 2-3 content courses</i>
<i>AND</i>	<i>AND</i>
<i>Social Studies 2-3 content courses</i>	<i>Social Studies 2-3 content courses</i>
<i>AND</i>	<i>AND</i>
<i>Science 2-3 content courses</i>	<i>Science 2-3 content courses</i>
OR	
Pathway based on Passing NCSBE Approved Tests	
<i>NCSBE Approved Pearson assessment - Foundations of Reading (Test # 090)</i>	<i>NCSBE Approved Praxis II required assessment (Test # 5543)</i>
OR	OR
<i>ALL NCSBE Approved Pearson assessments for specific area</i>	<i>NCSBE Approved Praxis II required assessment (Test # 5543) & ALL Pearson assessments for specific area</i>

***Qualifying relevant degrees for lateral entry may not always be considered directly related for graduate level pay.**

NOTE: Effective 7.1.2016 ~ there's no annual coursework requirement for lateral entry license holders.