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Directory of State-Approved Educator Preparation Providers

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Introduction

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) grants an educator preparation provider (EPP) state approval after examining the quality of the provider and programs preparing teachers, service providers and administrators for District of Columbia pre-K through grade 12 schools; and determining that the subject area programs (SAPs) meet national or state standards for preparing candidates to enter the profession. State approval is required for EPPs in the District of Columbia offering professional preparation programs that prepare candidates who are eligible to earn an educator credential in the District of Columbia.

The state EPP and SAP approval system is designed to ensure that candidates and program completers of EPPs and SAPs who seek an educator credential in the District of Columbia receive the training and practicum experiences to enable them to provide effective and high-quality education to District of Columbia Public Schools students.

This directory is a comprehensive list of all EPPs that are approved by OSSE to recommend candidates for District of Columbia educator credentials. As of September 2024, there are 13 approved EPPs operating in the District of Columbia. *This EPP directory shows only the subject area programs that lead to eligibility for an OSSE educator credential. Please see each EPP's website for information on **all** education degrees and SAPs it offers.*

For more detailed information regarding admission requirements into any of the following EPPs or SAPs, contact the specific EPP directly.

OSSE Higher Education Licensure Commission Approval

An EPP operating within a postsecondary educational institution required to be licensed by the [District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission \(HELIC\)](#) shall maintain compliance with all applicable requirements of the Education Licensure Commission Act of 1976, DC Law 1-104, as amended, (see DC Official Code § 38-1301, et seq.) and its implementing regulations found at 5A DCMR Chapters 80-83. More information on the requirements of postsecondary educational institutions operating in the District of Columbia may be found at helc.osse.dc.gov.

An EPP operating outside of a postsecondary educational institution required to be licensed by the HELC shall comply with all applicable federal or District of Columbia laws or regulations.

Please see the [OSSE website](#) for a list of state-approved EPPs and their HELC approval statuses.

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American University (AU) School of Education was granted national accreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now known as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). AU also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Educational Administration and Leadership	N	N	Y
Early Childhood Education	Y	Y	N
Elementary Education	Y		
English as a Second Language	N		
Secondary Biology	Y		
Secondary Chemistry	Y		
Secondary English			
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary Physics			
Secondary Social Studies			

Special Education (Learning Disability)	N		
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AppleTree Early Learning Teacher Residency

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Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Early Childhood Education	N	Y	N

** Program completers earn a master's degree via a partnership with RELAY GSE*

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Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only *
Elementary Education	Y	N	N
Secondary English		Y	Y
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary Social Studies			
The CUA programs below are outside the Department of Education			
Music (Instrumental and Vocal)	Y	Y	Y
School Library/Media Specialist	N		Y

*May result in the issuance of a graduate certificate and/or require a credential in another subject area prior to enrollment. Please check with the EPP to confirm.

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City Teaching Alliance is approved by OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree*	Non-degree; credential only
Elementary Education ⁺	N	Y	N
Middle School English ⁺			
Middle School Mathematics ⁺			
Secondary English ⁺			
Secondary Mathematics ⁺			
Special Education (Non-Categorical)	N	N	Y

⁺ Each City Teaching Alliance program is a dual credential program that leads to credentials in both the subject area program and Special Education (Non-Categorical).

* Program completers earn a master's degree via a partnership with American University

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Gallaudet University (GU) School of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). GU also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Early Childhood Education	Y	Y	N
Elementary Education			
Secondary Biology			
Secondary Chemistry			
Secondary English	Y	N	N
Secondary General Science			
Secondary Mathematics		Y	
Secondary Social Studies			

Special Education (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	N		
The GU program below is outside the Department of Education			
School Psychology	N	Y	N

Georgetown University Teacher Residency Program

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Georgetown University Educator Preparation Program is approved by OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
English as a Second Language	N	Y	N

The George Washington University	
Graduate School of Education and Human Development	
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The George Washington (GW) University Graduate School of Education and Human Development is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). GW also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only*
Early Childhood Education+	N	Y	N
Early Childhood Special Education+			Y
Educational Administration and Leadership	Y	N	N
Elementary Education			
GWTeach – Math†			
GWTeach – Science†	N	Y	N
School Counselor			

Special Education (Teaching Children with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities)			N
Special Education			

**May result in the issuance of a graduate certificate and/or require a credential in another subject area prior to enrollment. Please check with the EPP to confirm.*

+ The GW Early Childhood Special Education program is a dual credential program that leads to credentials in both Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education.

† The GWTeach program is an undergraduate minor in STEM teaching that leads to a credential in Secondary Math or Secondary Science. Acceptance to the program requires concurrent enrollment in specific undergraduate degree programs or completion of specific undergraduate coursework at the university.

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Howard University (HU) School of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). HU also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only*
Educational Administration and Leadership	N	Y	N
Elementary Education	Y	N	
School Psychology	N	Y	
Secondary Mathematics Education	N	N	Y
Secondary English Education	Y	N	Y
Secondary Social Studies Education			

**Howard University School of Education offers secondary education minors that result in credentials in Secondary English Education, Secondary Mathematics Education and Secondary Social Studies Education. Students who choose a secondary education minor are required to complete an undergraduate degree.*

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Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Early Childhood Education	N	N	Y
Special Education (Non-Categorical)			
Secondary English Language Arts			
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary General Science			

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Moreland University is nationally recognized by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) and accredited by the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation (CAEP). Moreland University also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area disciplines below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree*	Non-degree; credential only
Art (all grades)	N	N	Y
Early Childhood Education			
Elementary Education			
Elementary Mathematics Resource (Endorsement)			
English as a Second Language (all grades)			
Health and Physical Education (all grades)			
Middle School General Education			

Middle School English			
Middle School Mathematics			
Middle School Science			
Middle School Social Studies			
Modern Foreign Languages			
Music (Instrumental and Vocal; all grades)			
Secondary Biology	N	N	Y
Secondary Chemistry			
Secondary Computer Science			
Secondary English			
Secondary General Science			
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary Physics			
Secondary Social Studies			
Special Education	N	Y	N

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Relay Graduate School of Education is approved by OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Early Childhood Education	N	Y	N
Elementary Education			
Secondary English			
Secondary General Science			
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary Social Studies			
Special Education (Non-Categorical)			

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Trinity Washington University (TWU) School of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). TWU is also approved via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Early Childhood Education	Y	Y	N
Educational Administration and Leadership	N		
Elementary Education	Y		
Special Education (Non-Categorical)	N		
The TWU program below is outside the School of Education			
School Counselor	N	Y	N

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The University of the District of Columbia's (UDC) Department of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). UDC also has state subject area program approval via OSSE and is authorized to prepare candidates for DC credentials in the subject area programs below.

Subject Area Program	Undergraduate Degree	Graduate Degree	Non-degree; credential only
Adult Education	N	N*	Y
Early Childhood Education	Y	Y	N
Elementary Education			
Middle School Science			
Music (Instrumental and Vocal)			
Secondary English			
Secondary Mathematics			
Secondary Science			
Secondary Social Studies	Y	N	
Special Education (Non-Categorical)			

The UDC program below is outside the Education Department			
School Counseling	N	Y	N

**Program completers may opt to continue coursework to earn a master's degree. Please check with the EPP to confirm.*