

Language Credentialing

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Limited Teaching License (OR)

Description

The Limited Teaching License is issued to qualified individual to allow them to teach in one or more highly specialized subjects of instruction (for example: Dance; Fire Science; Graphic Design). The Limited Teaching License is available to individuals who have not completed a teacher preparation program with skills and experience in areas of critical shortage.

License Valid for 3 Years

Employment: Required

State Information

State: Oregon

Contact Phone: 503-378-3586

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For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.tspc.oregon.gov/licensure/licensure.asp>

Notes

The license is restricted to specific district-for highly specialized subjects of instruction for which the commission does not issue a specific endorsement. The District must submit a letter from the employing district describing the particular need in relation to the applicant's teacher qualifications.

Minimum Academic Background

In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.

The following is required for this route:

College with 60 Credits

Notes

Oregon Administrative regulation states that the applicant must have the equivalent of an Associate's degree. This can vary in number of credits by type of degree and subject matter. As of 2016, No Basic Skills Exams Required Transcripts documenting an Accredited Associate's degree or its approved equivalent in objectively evaluated post-secondary education related to the Content Language is required.

Content Language and English Language Proficiency

In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

Content Language Proficiency:

Exam(s):

- [ORELA \(French, German, Spanish\)](#)

Course needed: Show substantial preparation in the Content Language.

Additional Requirements for this route include the following:

Other Exam(s):

- [Oregon Civil Rights Exam](#)

Notes:

State may review transcripts to determine content language proficiency. Oregon relies on the ORELA test and accepts a limited number of tests from other states. Regarding languages for which there is no test available in ORELA, Oregon will evaluate the application and transcript to determine if the applicant has shown substantial preparation in the Content language. Upon application, the co-applicant district must describe its particular need in relation to the co-applicant teacher's documented qualifications, agree to provide a mentor up to the first renewal of the license, and attest that circumstances prevent hiring a suitable teacher holding any other full-time license appropriate for the role to be filled.

Applying to the State

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

Application Submission: Individual

Form at: http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/Forms_and_Instruct.aspx

Form Mailing Address:

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 250 Division St NE Salem, OR 97301

School District Requirements:

Verification of Employment

Verification of Search for a Certified Teacher

Confirmation of Mentor

Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required

Copy of International Records: Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL: http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=oregon

Background Check

Required

Renewal: Renewable

Renewal information at <http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/renewal.aspx> May be renewed every 3 years with no limit on number of renewals.

Requirements: - Have a letter of renewed sponsorship from same employing district; (Provided by your sponsoring district directly to TSPC); - 75 continuing professional development units (PDU's); - PDU's must be verified by employing district or Education Service District.

Notes:

The District must also submit a letter describing the particular need in relation to the applicant's teacher qualifications. The district must agree to provide a mentor and identify that mentor in the letter of application. The district must attest that circumstances prevent hiring a suitable teacher holding an unrestricted full-time license appropriate for the assignment to be filled.

Fingerprint Handler Sheet required. Processing fee \$57.00 Transcript evaluation or some other convincing evidence that the applicant holds the equivalent of a U.S. BA or higher degree is required. The transcript and other evidence submitted will be evaluated for Content Language proficiency. Teacher must agree to terms of certification.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE

Arabic Language, Chinese & Chinese Immersion are areas where the Oregon Department of Education will consider issuing Limited Teaching Licenses. Below is a copy of the legal wording that can be found at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_500/oar_584/584_060.html. 584-060-0171

Limited Teaching License (1) Upon filing a correct and complete application in form and manner prescribed by the commission, a qualified applicant may be granted a Limited Teaching License. (2) This license, issued for 3 years and renewable, is valid at any level and designated for one or more highly specialized subjects of instruction for which the commission does not issue a specific endorsement. The Executive Director has the authority to grant a Limited Teaching License for an exception to some discreet subjects within an established endorsement upon a showing of district need. Requests for exceptions to established endorsements may be submitted to the commission for approval at the Executive Director's discretion. (3) This license is valid for substitute teaching at any level but only in subjects listed on the license. (4) To be eligible for a Limited Teaching License the applicant must have: (a) Transcripts documenting an accredited associate's degree or its approved equivalent in objectively evaluated post-secondary education related to the intended subject of instruction (b) Obtain a passing score on a commission-approved test of knowledge of U.S. and Oregon civil rights and professional ethics AND (c) Furnish fingerprints in the manner prescribed by the commission and provide satisfactory responses to the character questions contained in the commission's licensure application. See also, OAR 584-036-0062 for Criminal Records Check Requirement. (5) The Limited Teaching License is restricted to use within a district that has applied for it jointly with the teacher, whose qualifications and job description are subject to commission approval. (6) Upon application, the co-applicant district must describe its particular need in relation to the co-applicant teacher's documented qualifications, agree to provide a mentor up to the first renewal of the license, and attest that circumstances prevent hiring a suitable teacher holding any other full-time license appropriate for the role to be filled. (7) To be eligible for renewal of the Limited Teaching License, an applicant must: (a) Provide a statement from the district attesting that the teacher's assignment is exactly the same as originally requested AND (b) Establish, maintain, and report a professional development plan in accordance with OAR 584-090-0020.