



BE AN EDUCATOR Teach in Idaho



Completion of an educator preparation program (traditional or non-traditional program) is required in order to teach in Idaho. Upon completion of an educator preparation program, candidates are then eligible to apply for certification and be employed as an educator in Idaho. If you are licensed in another state, you may apply for an Idaho certificate as an out-of-state applicant.

Four Year Traditional and Post-Bac Educator Preparation Programs in Idaho

A traditional program is an educator preparation program through a college/university that requires coursework, assessment(s) and student teaching. Colleges and universities can evaluate transcripts for those who already hold a degree to design a plan for that will lead to certification through a post-bac program. The following Idaho universities and colleges have approved educator preparation programs:

- [Boise State University](#) – [Dr. Deb Carter](#) - (208) 426-1991
- [Brigham Young University \(BYU\) – Idaho](#) – [Dr. Scott Gardner](#) - (208) 496-4140
- [College of Idaho](#) – [Dr. Kevin Talbert](#) - (208) 459-5232
- [Idaho State University](#) – [Dr. Jamie Webster](#) - (208) 282-2783
- [Lewis-Clark State College](#) – [Dr. Mark Haynal](#) - (208) 792-2237
- [Northwest Nazarene University](#) – [Dr. LoriAnn Sanchez](#) - (208) 467-8457
- [University of Idaho](#) - [Dr. Taylor Raney](#) - (208) 885-1027

NOTE: An out-of-state teacher preparation program may be used as long as the program is **accredited** by [CAEP \(Council on Accreditation of the Educator Profession\)](#). An individual may still complete an out-of-state **non-accredited** program but would be required to get certification in the state that has approved the teacher certification program. The individual can then apply as an out-of-state applicant for an Idaho certificate.

Non-Traditional Educator Preparation Programs in Idaho

Non-traditional educator preparation programs have a minimum requirement of a baccalaureate degree. Candidates are required to teach in Idaho under a mentor teacher for at least two years.

American Board (ABCTE)

Pre-requisites: Baccalaureate degree

Program: Self-paced online program. All applicants take the Professional Teaching and Knowledge assessment and subject area assessment(s). Upon passage of assessments, the candidate receives a “Classroom Ready Certificate” from ABCTE. The candidate can then apply to the State Department of Education for their three-year ABCTE Interim Certificate. The candidate must be employed in an Idaho K-12 school in order to complete the ABCTE Clinical Experience with a mentor within the first year of the ABCTE Interim Certificate. In the second year, the candidate will continue teaching under a mentor teacher in order to complete the minimum of two (2) years under a mentor teacher.

Cost approximately: \$1900-\$2100

Subject areas: Biology 6-12, Chemistry 6-12, Natural Science 6-12, Physics 6-12, Elementary K-8, English 6-12, History 6-12, Math 6-12, Special Education K-12

College of Southern Idaho (CSI) – Katie Rhodenbaugh – krhodenbaugh@csi.edu - (208) 732-6396

Pre-requisites: Baccalaureate degree

Program: The candidate applies for admission as a non-degree seeking student. The candidate will proceed through three phases and five modules. Phase One: Proof of Content Knowledge and Individualized Learning Plans - content knowledge via a Praxis II assessment, Individualized Learning Plan (ILP), and work with a mentor. Phase Two: Pedagogy Boot Camp, Professional Learning Community and Support – The candidate will work through Modules 1-5. The modules offer a hybrid class module with online instruction/support and three face-to-face seminars per module. Phase Three: Mentoring and Performance Assessment – candidates will upload products of their practice for external review and scoring while being evaluated by a trained supervisor to complete the Common Summative Assessment (Danielson Framework). Candidates can apply at any time.

Cost approximately: \$5,000

Subject areas: All Standard Instructional endorsement areas

Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) – Royal Toy – retoy@lcsc.edu – (208) 792-2730

Pre-requisites: Baccalaureate degree

Program: An Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) is created for each candidate. While working in a school setting and with support and coaching from college faculty and local mentors, candidates complete requirements of their ILP and five self-paced, online modules they can start or complete any time during the calendar year. Each module is mastery-based: candidates complete performance-based assessments and upload products of their teaching for external review only when they are comfortable they have mastered the requirements. When the candidate is ready, he/she coordinates with college faculty to complete Idaho's Common Summative Assessment, a classroom observation based on the Danielson Framework. Candidates can apply at any time.

Cost approximately: \$5,000

Subject areas: All Standard Instructional endorsement areas

Teach For America (TFA)

Pre-requisites: Baccalaureate degree, minimum 3.0 GPA, and citizen, National/Legal resident or DACA status.

Program: The candidate applies to national TFA and goes through an interview and selection process. Once selected and assigned to Idaho the candidate will, in their first year, take two courses (six credits) at Boise State University (BSU). The candidate is required to pass the Praxis II assessment in their content area. During the candidate's second year, the candidate will take six graduate-level credits or equivalent and complete their two years of teaching. TFA assists the candidate in applying for their three-year interim certificate where they work with a mentor for two years and complete the Idaho State Department of Education mentor requirements. TFA has five application deadlines throughout the year. Low income/high need districts contract with TFA to provide candidates to teach in high need positions and areas. To apply for Teach For America, go to teachforamerica.org/apply.

Cost approximately: For an estimated cost of the Idaho program, check out teachforamerica.org/Idaho

Subject areas: All Standard Instructional endorsement areas

Districts/charters have the option to hire a candidate while the candidate is completing an educator preparation program. The candidate must meet specific requirements to qualify for an Alternative Authorization. For more information, please see the Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist application at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/alt-auth.html>

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