



Licensure Options That Work for You!

- Educators that have completed a traditional accredited educator preparation program in an endorsable area.
- Educators that have completed a non-traditional educator preparation program that have a valid, unrestricted out-of-state license in an endorsable area **and** five years of successful experience verified by their out-of-state accredited P-12 school employer.
- Current certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in an endorsable area.
- Foreign nationals **may** qualify for licensure provided the evaluation of their credentials done through an agency vetted through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) reflects equivalency to a US educator preparation program. **(Read all details [here!](#))**
- The Class 5 Provisional License is an option for those holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in an area other than education, who now desire to become an educator. The applicant must submit a plan of study from the institution that they are intending to complete their educator preparation program through. The Class 5 allows three years for program completion. During this three-year period, the provisional license holder may be employed and teaching in the classroom in the subject area of their program. The Class 5 may also be used by a currently licensed educator that now wants to add a new endorsement to their license. The Class 5 option may be utilized once.
- Internship is an option for those holding a Class 1, 2 or 3 license that now want to add a new endorsement to their license. The internships are an agreement between the educator, their employer and the institution of higher education that the applicant will be working with to complete the endorsement. Internships are issued in one-year increments, for a total of three years.
- Emergency Authorization of Employment is an option when recruitment efforts have been unsuccessful in obtaining a licensed educator to fill a vacancy. A school administrator may become aware of a professional in their community that they believe will be able to fulfill their school district and student needs. The administrator submits the application to OPI for approval. This individual is not a licensed educator. If approved, the school district is given authorization to employ this individual in the requested capacity for the school year. (See Emergency Authorization of Employment application/qualifications [here.](#))
- License applicants that meet all requirements other than having completed their Praxis test, will be given a one-year license. This will give them time to settle in and organize, then complete and submit their Praxis results within the one-year time frame.

Please view the licensure process details for applicants; administrator guidance of the licensure process for applicants; and, the steps followed by the OPI Licensure office [here.](#)