

American Board Licensure Pathway

Overview

American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) is an alternative route to teacher licensure. This pathway is designed for individuals who hold a **bachelor's degree** and are seeking to become licensed teachers in North Dakota.

Process

1. **Enroll** in the American Board program – enrollment fee is \$1900.
2. **Pass** the required exams - PTK + subject area(s).
3. **Apply** for an obtain an **American Board License** through ESPB.
4. **Teach** under supervision for **at least one year** to complete your American Board Clinical Experience.
5. Complete **mentoring and professional development** (see below).
6. Apply for a **regular North Dakota teaching license** after meeting all requirements.

Approved Content Areas

- ◆ Elementary Education ◆ Special Education with Elementary Education ◆ History
- ◆ English Language Arts ◆ General Science ◆ Biology ◆ Chemistry
- ◆ Physics ◆ Mathematic

Additional Notes

- This pathway is ideal for **career changers** or individuals with content expertise.
 - The American Board License is valid for **two years** while you complete these requirements:
- American Board's clinical experience program and the ND RISE approved mentor program;
 - b. Youth Mental Health Competency training;
 - c. Coursework in cultural diversity which includes Native American studies, as well as teaching diverse learners;
 - d. Evidence of competencies in beginning reading instruction.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/american-board> and <https://www.americanboard.org>