

PATHWAYS TO BECOME A TEACHER



Traditional

Attend college to earn a bachelor's or master's degree in teacher education. It takes approximately four years to complete.

Para to Teacher Pathway

Work as a paraprofessional in a K-12 school setting while completing college courses. Scholarships/grants may be available.

Alternate Access License

If you have a bachelor's degree in the area to be taught, and the school can't find a fully licensed teacher, you could be eligible for an Alternate Access license while you work to become a fully licensed teacher.

American Board

If you have a 4-year degree in any content area (it doesn't need to be teaching) you could enroll in an alternate path called American Board. The fee of \$1900 gives you access to study preparation materials. Once you pass the required tests for the content area selected you can apply for a license.

Teaching Permit

A teacher permit is only available in non-core areas (not special education, not elementary or early childhood education). Requires 4,000 hours of relevant work experience in the area to be taught. No degree is required for the first three years. After year three, enrollment in a teacher preparation program is required, and you could have up to four more years to finish the teaching program.

CTE

Career and Technical Education in North Dakota allows licensure in CTE areas such as agriculture, welding, IT, FACS, and business. Four-year degrees are not always required. Contact the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education for more information.