

## Qualifications for Lateral Entry in NC

The Licensure Section of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is pleased to assist candidates for lateral entry with information on how to enter the teaching profession. Please review the information below and remember that **only the hiring school system can initiate the process for lateral entry status.**

Graduates of approved education programs who are not recommended for licensure by their college or university are not eligible for a lateral entry license. However, a person who has satisfied all major degree requirements but has a minor deficiency or technical requirement can apply for a lateral entry license if employed by a school system. Such a deficiency cannot exceed six semester hours and must be corrected during the first year of licensure. **Individuals who have completed all education program requirements except the [Praxis Series tests](#) (if applicable) are not eligible for lateral entry licensing.**

### To Qualify for Lateral Entry

**Must have at Least a Bachelor's Degree  
from a Regionally Accredited College or University**

EITHER:		ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Relevant Degree <i>(except for Elementary and Exceptional Children)</i>	<b>A N D</b>	2.5 GPA
OR		OR
24 Semester Hours of course work in core area <i>(except for Elementary and Exceptional Children)</i>		Five Years of relevant experience that occurred after earning a Bachelor's degree
OR		OR
Passing score on the Praxis II subject assessment test(s) for the area of license <b>Or</b> The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) <i>(The ACTFL is only for World Languages except English)</i>		Passing scores on Praxis I, <b>or a total SAT score of 1100, or a total ACT score of 24 plus</b> one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ GPA of 3.0 in the major field of study <b>or</b></li> <li>❖ GPA of 3.0 in all courses in senior year <b>or</b></li> <li>❖ GPA of 3.0 on a minimum of 15 semester hours of courses completed within the last five years <b>after the bachelor's degree.</b></li> </ul>

\*\*\* Must have one (1) from each side above to qualify for Lateral Entry \*\*\*

**NOTE:**

To qualify for a lateral entry license in Elementary Education or Exceptional Children (TOR), the Praxis II subject assessment must be met prior to employment.

To qualify for a lateral entry license in English As a Second Language you must have either 24 semester hours in English, **Linguistics**, a degree in English or the Praxis II.