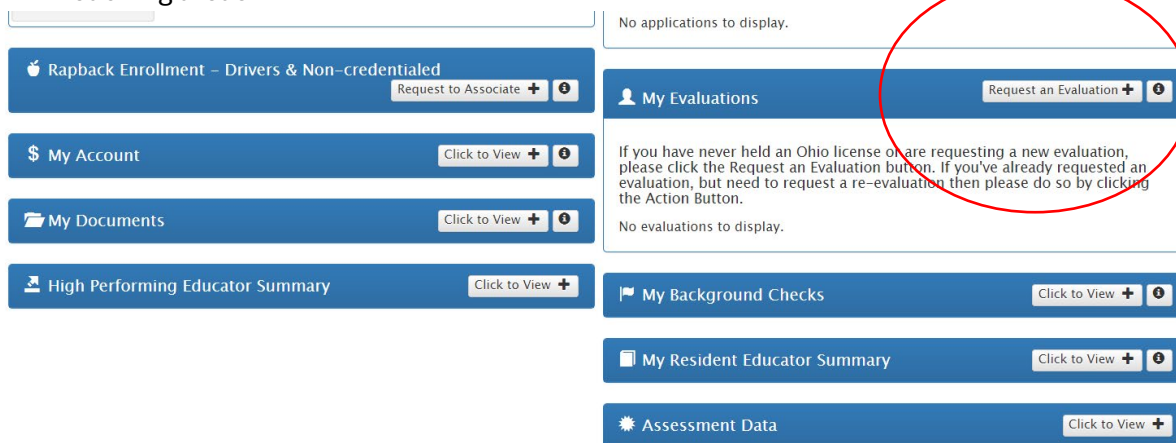


Pathway to Alternative License

[SBOE Alternative Resident Educator Licensing Steps](#) Click for more information.

STEP 1 - REQUEST AN ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE EVALUATION

- **Request the evaluation through your Core Dashboard.**
- The evaluation will outline the eligibility requirements (including exams) for the initial four-year Alternative Resident Educator license. The evaluation is valid for two years from its original completion date. The \$50 fee for the evaluation includes an evaluation in two teaching fields. An additional fee is required for evaluation requests in more than two teaching areas.



The screenshot shows the CORE Dashboard interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: 'Rapback Enrollment – Drivers & Non-credentialed', 'My Account', 'My Documents', and 'High Performing Educator Summary'. The main content area has a header 'No applications to display.' Below this is the 'My Evaluations' section, which is circled in red. It contains a 'Request an Evaluation' button and a message: 'If you have never held an Ohio license or are requesting a new evaluation, please click the Request an Evaluation button. If you've already requested an evaluation, but need to request a re-evaluation then please do so by clicking the Action Button.' Below this is a 'No evaluations to display.' message. Other sections include 'My Background Checks', 'My Resident Educator Summary', and 'Assessment Data', each with a 'Click to View' button.

- **Official transcripts.** Candidates must submit all original, official transcripts with the evaluation request application, unless their transcripts are already available through their CORE Dashboard. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher or a master's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education. Transfer credits must be verified on transcripts from the originating institution. College coursework completed outside the United States requires a course-by-course analysis from an approved international credential evaluation service.
- **While you are waiting for the evaluation, please move to step 2 and work on passing the assessment exams.**
- **The State Board of Education (SBOE, formerly ODE) will respond within 2-4 weeks.**
- **The following subjects are available**
 - **Designated Subjects (P-12)**
 - Business Education (030000)
 - Computer Science (111700)
 - Dance (080304)
 - Drama/Theater (050337)
 - Earth Sciences (132040)
 - Health (080101)
 - Home Economics (230000)

- Industrial Technology (101315)
- Integrated Language Arts (050145)
- Integrated Mathematics (110094)
- Integrated Science (132010)
- Integrated Social Studies (150004)
- Library/Media (050650)
- Life Sciences (132030)
- Music (120010)
- Physical Education (080310)
- Physical Science: Chemistry (132150)
- Physical Science: Physics (132160)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (050280)
- Visual Arts (020015)
- **Intervention Specialists Areas (P-12)**
 - Hearing Impaired (196116)
 - Mild/Moderate (196140)
 - Moderate/Intensive (196142)
 - Visually Impaired (196109)
- **World Languages (P-12)**
 - American Sign Language (050090)
 - Arabic (060101)
 - Chinese (060102)
 - French (060230)
 - German (060235)
 - Greek (060150)
 - Hebrew (160135)
 - Italian (060245)
 - Japanese (060250)
 - Korean (060251)
 - Latin (060107)
 - Portuguese (060217)
 - Russian (060625)
 - Spanish (060265)
 - Swahili (060225)
 - Turkish (060275)
 - Ukrainian (060228)

STEP 2 - COMPLETE CONTENT AREA EXAM REQUIREMENTS

DESIGNATED SUBJECT (P-12) TEACHING FIELDS AND REQUIRED CONTENT EXAMS FOR INITIAL ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Candidates must successfully complete [Ohio Assessment for Educators \(OAE\)](#) content assessments for Designated Subject teaching fields.

Teaching Field	Content Exam	Qualifying Score
Business Education (030000)	OAE 008 Business Education	220
Computer Science (111700)	OAE 054 Computer Science	220
Dance (080304)	OAE 011 Dance	220
Drama/Theater (050337)	OAE 048 Theater	220
Earth Sciences (132040)	OAE 014 Earth & Space Science	220
Health (080101)	OAE 023 Health	220
Home Economics (230000)	OAE 022 Family and Consumer Sciences	220
Industrial Technology (101315)	- OAE 046 Technology Education Subtest I& - OAE 047 Technology Education Subtest II	220
Integrated Language Arts (050145)	- OAE 020 English Language Arts & 190 Foundations of Reading	220
Integrated Mathematics (110094)	OAE 027 Mathematics	220
Integrated Science (132010)	OAE 024 Integrated Science	220
Integrated Social Studies (150004)	OAE 025 Integrated Social Studies	220
Library/Media (050650)	OAE 041 School Library Media Specialist	220
Life Sciences (132030)	OAE 007 Biology	220
Music (120010)	OAE 032 Music	220
Physical Education (080310)	OAE 034 Physical Education	220
Physical Science: Chemistry (132150)	OAE 009 Chemistry	220
Physical Science: Physics (132160)	OAE 035 Physics	220
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (050280)	OAE 121 English to Speakers of Other Languages (replaced 021 effective Sept. 15, 2025)	220
Visual Arts (020015)	OAE 006 Art	220

INTERVENTION SPECIALIST (P-12) TEACHING FIELDS AND REQUIRED CONTENT EXAMS FOR INITIAL ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Candidates must successfully complete [Ohio Assessment for Educators \(OAE\)](#) content assessments for Intervention Specialist teaching fields.

Teaching Field	Content Exam	Qualifying Score
Hearing Impaired (196116)	- OAE 044 Deaf/Hard of Hearing & - OAE 190 Foundations of Reading	220
Mild/Moderate (196140)	- OAE 043 Special Education & - OAE 190 Foundations of Reading	220
Moderate/Intensive (196142)	- OAE 043 Special Education & - OAE 190 Foundations of Reading	220
Visually Impaired (196109)	- OAE 045 Visually Impaired & 190 Foundations of Reading	220

WORLD LANGUAGE (P-12) TEACHING FIELDS AND REQUIRED CONTENT EXAMS FOR INITIAL ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Candidates must successfully complete both the [ACTFL Language Testing International](#) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) for world language licensure areas. Candidates seeking the American Sign Language (ASL) license must successfully [complete Ohio Assessment for Educators \(OAE\)](#) content assessments.

Teaching Field	Content Exam	Qualifying Score
American Sign Language (050090)	- OAE 050 American Sign Language Subtest I & - OAE 051 American Sign Language Subtest II	220
Arabic (060101)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Chinese (060102)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
French (060230)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
German (060235)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Greek (060150)	No assessment required at this time	Intermediate High
Hebrew (160135)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Italian (060245)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Japanese (060250)	OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High

Korean (060251)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Latin (060107)	No assessment required at this time	Intermediate High
Portuguese (060217)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Russian (060625)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Spanish (060265)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Swahili (060225)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Turkish (060275)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High
Ukrainian (060228)	• OPI/OPIc & WPT	Intermediate High

- The content area exam requirements will be listed on the evaluation from the State Board of Education. Candidates must complete the following exam requirements per their evaluations prior to registering for an approved [Alternative Licensure Institute](#).
 - While waiting for the evaluation response from SBOE, [Schedule Assessment](#) and review preparation materials for the exam.

DESIGNATED SUBJECT (P-12) TEACHING FIELDS AND REQUIRED CONTENT EXAMS FOR INITIAL ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- Candidates must successfully complete Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) content assessments for Designated Subject teaching fields.
- **Please note: Candidates for Alternative Integrated Language Arts and Intervention Specialist licensure areas must successfully complete the OAE 190 Foundations of Reading exam.**

STEP 3 - DOWNLOAD THE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION LETTER

- Candidates must [contact the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness](#) by email to request their **confirmation registration letter** after they receive their official score reports reflecting their qualifying scores for their content area exam requirements (per their evaluation from the State Board of Education). The confirmation registration letter issued by the Ohio State Board of Education is required for enrollment in an approved Alternative Licensure Institute.

STEP 4 - ENROLL IN AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE INSTITUTE

- Candidates must complete an [Alternative Licensure Institute](#) approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, including the **Intensive Pedagogical Training Institute (IPTI)** or an **Alternative Resident Educator Institute (AREI)**, after meeting the exam requirements listed on the evaluation from the State Board of Education. Candidates may enroll in an approved [Alternative Licensure Institute](#) once they receive their confirmation registration letter issued by the Ohio State Board of Education.
 - [Bluffton University](#)
 - On campus and online classes
 - Tuition \$525 per semester credit
 - Technology fee \$134 per semester
 - [The Ohio State University](#)
 - An internship of 25 hours is required, but it can be waived with previous experience.
 - IPTI course \$650 up to 16 weeks
 - No payment plans or financial aid available.
 - **Shawnee State** 740-351-3603
 - gchinn@shawnee.edu
- The following Intensive Pedagogical Training Institute or Alternative Resident Educator Institutes offered by organizations have been approved by the Chancellor:
 - [Teachers of Tomorrow](#)
 - Up to 6 months given to complete
 - \$625.00
 - [The American Board](#)
 - Online and you can complete it in less than one month.
 - \$950.00
 - [Educators for All](#)
 - **No application fee**
 - **Program 1 year**

STEP 5 - OBTAIN THE STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must upload their certificate of completion from an approved [Alternative Licensure Institute](#) to their OH|ID account and [contact the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness](#) to request their **statement of eligibility** for the Alternative Resident Educator license from alternativelicense@sboe.ohio.gov
- Candidates will use their statement of eligibility issued by the Ohio State Board of Education to provide verification of eligibility for the Alternative Resident Educator license to the CCS Licensure Department at License@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Additional Information: Please reach out if you have any questions

- License@columbus.k12.oh.us
- For additional questions for SBOE, call 614-466-3593
- Tutoring for Exams
 - Below you will find GCU exclusive links that will give your students access to the corresponding catalogs. These exclusive GCU monthly subscriptions at half price - only \$20 per month - can be cancelled whenever the student is ready for their 240 Tutoring profile.
 - Praxis Exams: [240 Tutoring](#)
 - NES (Pearson) Exams: [Pearson](#)
 - Ohio OAE Exams: [240 Tutoring](#)

STEP 6 – APPLY ONLINE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE

EMPLOYMENT

Upon employment in an Ohio school or district, candidates may apply for the Alternative Resident Educator license (as listed on their statements of eligibility) through their OHID accounts. Please note that a candidate must have a statement of eligibility issued by the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness reflecting the subject area and code for which he or she is eligible to teach and secure employment in an Ohio school or district to teach under the Alternative Resident Educator license before applying for the license. A position verification letter (on school or district letterhead), signed and dated by the superintendent or human resource director, that states the applicant's teaching assignment must be submitted with the application for the Alternative Resident Educator license.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

All applicants must have [current background checks](#) on file with the State Board of Education of Ohio to be issued a license.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates may apply for the Alternative Resident Educator license once they have their statement of eligibility issued by the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness and a teaching position requiring the alternative license in an Ohio school or district.

- Access your [OHID account](#).
- Click Educator Licensure and Records (CORE).
- Click Apply for NEW Credential.
- Select **Alternative Teachers and Administrators**.
- Select **Alternative Resident Educator License - 2 Year**.
- Complete and submit the application.

STEP 7 - ADVANCE YOUR 2-YEAR ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE

COURSEWORK

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- **Reading and Phonics.** Candidates are to successfully complete a three-semester hour course in the Teaching of Reading in the Content Area for all subject areas except Integrated Language Arts and Intervention Specialist licensure areas, which require successful completion of at least six semester hours in the teaching of reading (including at least one separate three-semester hour course in the teaching of phonics in the context of reading, writing and spelling).
 - Please note that the reading coursework requirement is separate from the professional education requirement listed below and must be reflected on an official transcript from an [accredited college or university](#).
 - Ashland University
 - 3 Semester hours in [Reading in the other content area](#)
 - \$630.00
 - Ashland University
 - [3 semester hours of Phonics coursework](#)
 - \$615.00
- **Professional Education.** Candidates are to successfully complete a [Professional Development Institute approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education](#)
 - Ohio University 6 courses
 - Bowling Green University- 6 courses
 - Ohio Teachers of Tomorrow-4 modules \$2100 (10 monthly payments of \$267
 - Educators For All
 - No application fee.
 - Program is 1 year.
 - 6 online competencies
 - \$2400 (3 monthly payments of \$850 or 10 monthly payments of \$260.
 - Military & Veterans \$2,150 (with proof of service)

LICENSURE EXAM

Successful completion of the [Ohio Assessment for Educators \(OAE\) test 004](#) - Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12) is required. Please note: An educator with an Alternative Resident Educator license must take this exam during the second year of teaching under the alternative license.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Candidates must have two full school years of successful teaching experience under the Alternative Resident Educator license. Please note that candidates who hold an alternative license

with multiple areas must teach for two full school years in each area. Educators must submit one of the following with the application to advance the Alternative Resident Educator license:

- A letter on district letterhead signed and dated by the employing superintendent or human resources director verifying the grade levels and subjects taught during each year of employment under the Alternative Resident Educator license, OR
- The [Work Experience Verification](#) form completed by the employing school or district human resources director or superintendent and submitted directly to the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness. School personnel may either email the completed form to Educator.Licensure@SBOE.ohio.gov.