



GREEN TO TEACH

POST-BACCALAUREATE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PATHWAY



PURPOSE

The Green to Teach pathway is a state-approved post-baccalaureate alternative route to Alaska teacher certification designed to support active-duty military members, veterans, and military spouses who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in becoming classroom teachers in Alaska public schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university
- Be one of the following:
 - Active-duty military member
 - Veteran
 - Military spouse
- Meet all State of Alaska teacher certification requirements, including teacher preparation examinations, required trainings, and criminal history background clearance.

INSTRUCTION PROVIDER

American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)

ABCTE is the approved instructional provider for the Green to Teach pathway and delivers the required coursework leading toward eligibility for an Alaska teaching certificate. For more information visit: <https://www.abcte.org>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certification approval applies within the State of Alaska. Candidates seeking employment in other states must independently verify reciprocity and eligibility requirements with that state's education agency.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Education
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American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)
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OVERVIEW

During the Green to Teach pathway, candidates complete required coursework through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), participate in structured on-the-job learning within an approved Alaska public school district, and meet all State of Alaska requirements to be eligible for teacher certification.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 12-week or 15-week instructional options
- Participation Routes:
 - SkillBridge Placement: *Active Duty Members*
 - Direct District Placement: *Veterans/Military Spouses*

COST & TUITION SUPPORT

Eligible applicants must obtain a pre-approved form from DEED to access a discounted code through ABCTE and qualify for district tuition reimbursement. After payment, candidates submit their tuition receipt to their school district for processing. Districts may require program completion prior to submitting reimbursement to DEED. All DEED tuition reimbursement is subject to annual funding availability.

APPROVED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Participating School Districts
Green to Teach is available only through DEED-approved participating Alaska public school districts. The current list of participating districts is maintained on the DEED Green to Teach webpage:
<https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/green-to-teach>

PRE-APPROVAL APPLICATION

To request pre-approval, please email a completed candidate form and your transcripts to:
andrew.gillilan@alaska.gov

TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts are required for pre-approval.

Participating School Districts
<https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/green-to-teach>



CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

SECTION 1 | Candidate Information

Full Name

Date of Birth

Phone

Email Address

Mailing Address

SECTION 2 | Eligibility Verification

Military Status (check one)

Active Duty

Veteran

Military Spouse

Bachelor's Degree

Institution Degree Earned

Date Earned

I confirm my bachelor's degree is from a regionally accredited institution.

SECTION 3 | Program Selection

12-Week Program

15-Week Program

Anticipated Start Month

Year

Instruction Provider *American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)*

District Placement

Current participating districts:

<https://education.alaska.gov/teacher certification/green-to-teach>

Intended Endorsement Area (Select one)

(Candidates must pass the Praxis core academic skills and applicable content exam for selected areas.)

Elementary Education

Candidates assigned to K-3 positions must meet the AK K-3 Reading Endorsement requirement.

Secondary Subject Area

Subject

Foreign Language

Language

Other

Other

For a list of endorsement areas/requirements, visit Alaska DEED endorsements: <https://education.alaska.gov/teacher certification/available-endorsements>

SECTION 4 | Student Teacher Authorization Requirement

Candidates must hold a valid Alaska Student Teacher Authorization Certificate issued by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development prior to starting the Green to Teach program or beginning district placement. For application instructions and requirements, visit: https://education.alaska.gov/teacher certification/certification/miscellaneous-certificates-and-processes#_Student_Teacher_Authorization

SECTION 5 | Candidate Acknowledgments

By signing below, I acknowledge and affirm that: I meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the Green to Teach pathway. I understand that this pathway is a State of Alaska approved alternative certification program. I understand that certification approval through this pathway does not automatically transfer to other states. I understand that tuition assistance, if available, is limited and not guaranteed. I agree to complete all requirements necessary to be eligible for Alaska State teacher certification. I understand that final teacher certification is issued by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development upon meeting all statutory and regulatory requirements. Participation does not guarantee employment with a school district.

SECTION 6 | Signature

Signature

Date

DEED Use Only

Approval Date

Signature

Eligibility Verified

Tuition Asst. Approved