



## Teaching Certification and Licensure

Teaching certificates in South Dakota are issued by the South Dakota Department of Education. The elementary certificate qualifies the holder to teach subjects in grades K-8. The K-12, or secondary certificate qualifies the holder to teach subjects in grades K-12 or 4-12 respectively.

Students who successfully complete teacher education programs at Dakota State University are eligible to receive a recommendation for the applicable teaching certification in the state of South Dakota. All education graduates are encouraged to apply for South Dakota certification immediately upon completion of their degree.

Teacher education graduates may also be eligible for Dakota State University recommendation for certification in other states, but because teaching certification and licensure requirements vary among states, Dakota State University cannot guarantee the graduate will be immediately certified in a particular state.

If you are seeking certification or licensure, you will want to contact the appropriate governing body in your state. The U.S. Department of Education will help you learn more about certification in your state.

For licensure certification outside of South Dakota, please contact the College of Education at Dakota State University, (605) 256-5177.