
RELATES TO: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030, 161.124, 161.126
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030
NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020 and 161.030 require that a
teacher and other professional school personnel hold a certificate of legal qualifications for the
respective position to be issued upon completion of a program of preparation prescribed by the
Education Professional Standards Board. KRS 161.028 requires the Education Professional
Standards Board to establish the standards for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certifi-
cate. This administrative regulation establishes the certification provisions for applicants with
out-of-state educator preparation.

Section 1. Definition. "Out-of-state educator preparation provider" means an educator prep-
aration provider located outside of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or an online educator prep-
aration provider not subject to the licensing requirements of 13 KAR 1:020 that is not accredit-
ed by the Education Professional Standards Board.

Section 2.(1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification whose profes-
sional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider, excluding
providers that are solely online, shall have completed a program of preparation and the cur-
riculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for teacher or ad-
ministrative certification.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification who completes an out-
of-state educator preparation program through a solely online out-of-state educator preparation
provider shall have:
(a) Completed a program of preparation that is:
1. Accredited or approved, as applicable, by the provider’s state of origin;
2. Regionally accredited; and
3. Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and
(b) The curriculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for
teacher or administrative certification.

Section 3. Teacher Certification. (1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher certification whose
professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider shall:
(a) Possess a teacher license or certificate equivalent to the Kentucky statement of eligibility
from the state, territory, or province where the applicant completed his or her preparation pro-
gram;
(b) Satisfy the degree, academic preparation, and grade point requirements established in
16 KAR 2:010;
(c) Provide evidence that the out-of-state license or certificate was obtained by completion
of an approved educator preparation program and not based on the completion of a written or
verbal assessment; and
(d) Follow the procedures for certificate application established in 16 KAR 2:010.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky teacher certification whose professional preparation was com-
pleted at an out-of-state educator preparation provider and who meets the requirements of
Section 2 of this administrative regulation and subsection (1) of this section shall be issued a
Kentucky teaching certificate or statement of eligibility established in 16 KAR 2:010 at the
grade range and content area corresponding to the out-of-state preparation.

(3)(a) Beginning July 1, 2016, in addition to any other certification renewal requirements, an
applicant for Kentucky teacher middle school, high school, Grades 5-12, and Grades P-12
teacher certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator
preparation provider shall, within five (5) years of receiving certification, complete the following:

1. A three (3) hour content literacy course aligned to the six (6) International Reading Associa-
tion Standards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher and taught by
faculty qualified to deliver literacy instruction; or

2. Two (2) or more courses aligned to the six (6) International Reading Association Stan-
dards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher and taught by faculty qualified
to deliver literacy instruction.

(b) The course or courses submitted by an applicant for Kentucky teacher middle school,
high school, Grades 5-12, and Grades P-12 teacher certification whose professional prepara-
tion was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider shall meet the following
requirements:

1. The course or courses, identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection, shall be developed
to ensure that each candidate demonstrates the six (6) International Reading Association
Standards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher;

2. The syllabus for each course shall be aligned to the six (6) International Reading Associa-
tion Standards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher;

3. The assessments, including any scoring instruments, developed for each course shall be
aligned to the six (6) International Reading Association Standards 2010: Middle and High
School Content Classroom Teacher to demonstrate the candidate’s competency to provide
classroom instruction aligned to each standard; and

4. The faculty assigned to teach each course aligned to demonstrate the six (6) International
Reading Association Standards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher
shall be qualified to teach a course aligned to the six (6) International Reading Association
Standards 2010: Middle and High School Content Classroom Teacher.

Section 4. Administrative Certification. (1) An applicant for Kentucky administrative certifica-
tion whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation
provider shall:

(a) Possess an administrative license or certificate equivalent to the Kentucky correspond-
ing statement of eligibility or administrative certificate from the state, territory, or province
where the applicant completed his or her preparation program;

(b) Satisfy the degree, academic preparation, and grade point requirements for the adminis-
trative certificate established in 16 KAR Chapter 3;

(c) Provide evidence that the out-of-state license or certificate was obtained by completion
of an approved educator preparation program consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) post Mas-
ters’ graduate-level hours in school administration; and

(d) Follow the procedures for certificate application established in 16 KAR Chapter 3.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky administrative certification whose professional prepara-
tion was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider and who meets the require-
ments of Section 2 of this administrative regulation and subsection (1) of this section shall be
issued a Kentucky administrative certificate or statement of eligibility established in 16 KAR
Chapter 3 corresponding to the out-of-state preparation.

(3) An applicant for Kentucky principal certification who was admitted to a principal prepara-
tion program located outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to January 1, 2012 and who
completes the program prior to January 31, 2014 shall be exempt from subsection (1)(c) of this
section.
Section 5. (1) An out-of-state applicant shall be subject to the testing and internship requirements of KRS Chapter 161 and implementing administrative regulations of the Education Professional Standard Board in KAR Title 16.

(2) An out-of-state applicant shall be subject to the certificate issuance, recency, reissuance, renewal, and rank change provisions of KRS Chapter 161 and KAR Title 16.


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