



# Indiana Department of Education

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## Alternative Special Education License

The Alternative Special Education License is available as of Friday, July 1, 2022, for applicants who hold a bachelor's degree and are enrolled in a post-baccalaureate approved alternative preparation program for initial special education licensure or for a special education addition to an existing license. An application for this license must be submitted through the applicant's online [Licensing Verification and Information System \(LVIS\)](#) account.

Applicants for this license must be employed in Indiana as a classroom teacher in the special education [area of the preparation program](#) (mild intervention, intense intervention, etc.). This license is also available to applicants who hold a bachelor's degree, are employed in Indiana as a special education teacher, and have completed an approved special education licensure program but require additional time to pass the required licensure tests.

The new Alternative Special Education License is valid for three years and is non-renewable. Holders of this alternative license are eligible to serve as the teacher of record (TOR) in the area displayed on the license. View the approved special education preparation programs [here](#).

### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university;
- One of the following special education preparation programs:
  - Completed a special education program and need required licensure testing; or
  - Enrolled in an approved alternative special education licensure program.
- Employed in Indiana as a classroom teacher in the special education area matching the preparation program.

### Required documents include:

- Official bachelor's degree transcript;
- Verification of enrollment in an approved alternative-route special education licensure program **or** verification of completion of an approved special education licensure program (with a letter from the program provider);
- Employer letter verifying employment as a special education teacher in the content area matching the preparation program;
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training Certificate; and
- Suicide Prevention Certificate.

Submit any questions regarding this guidance via this [JotForm](#).