

## State Authorization & Professional Licensure Information

Out-of-state students interested in degree programs and/or classes from United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) have a right to be aware of how the program they are enrolled in or are considering does or does not prepare them for applicable professional licensure in the state they are located.

State and federal laws require colleges and universities to obtain authorization before offering online degree programs in states other than their own.

UTTC participates in the **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)**, which allows UTTC to offer approved online programs to students in participating states and territories.

A list of SARA member states, districts, and territories, and additional details about state authorization, can be found here: <https://nc-sara.org/guide/state-authorization-guide>

The [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements \(NC-SARA\)](#) supports SARA activities. SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of post-secondary distance education courses and programs. The following states are members:

Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Alaska	Iowa	Nevada	South Carolina
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	South Dakota
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Tennessee
Colorado	Louisiana	New Mexico	Texas
Connecticut	Maine	New York	U.S. Virgin Islands
Delaware	Maryland	North Carolina	Utah
District of Columbia	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Vermont
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	Virginia
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Washington
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	West Virginia
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin
Illinois	Montana	Puerto Rico	Wyoming

### Complaint Process

Students who have concerns or complaints regarding any aspect of United Tribes Technical College online courses should follow the Student Complaint Process outlined on the UTTC website.

For questions related to state authorization, please contact:

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## Programs with Clinical or Practicum, or Student Teaching Requirements

The Elementary Education program requires a field-based component.

- **Out of State Applicants:**  
Applicants residing outside North Dakota should contact the Teacher Education department chair **prior to enrollment** in this program, as teaching practicums and student teaching experiences are completed primarily in **North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana**.
- **On-Campus Teacher Education Program Students:**  
Program advisors will work with each student to determine specific requirements; however, students enrolled in on-campus Teacher Education program may be required to complete teaching practicums and student teaching placements in North Dakota.
- **Online or Distance Teacher Education Program Students:**  
Students enrolled in the online and distance Teacher Education program must verify that they can complete required practicum and student teaching placements in their home state. Please review the state-specific information provided below before enrolling.

## Professional Licensure Programs

Professional licensure and certification requirements vary by state. If you are considering an academic program that leads to professional licensure, UTTC strongly encourages you to contact the appropriate state licensing agency for information and guidance before enrolling in a program outside your home state.

Please note:

- State licensure requirements are subject to change. A program that currently meets educational requirements for licensure may not do so in the future if a state revises its criteria.
- Relocating to another state during your program may affect your eligibility for licensure.
- UTTC academic departments and advisors are available to assist students in understanding licensure requirements outside North Dakota. Students should always consult their advisor before changing programs or moving to another state.

## Licensure Programs Clarification

Authorization to offer online degree programs does not automatically imply that a program will lead to licensure or certification in every state. Students should carefully review state-specific licensure requirements for their intended field and location.

## Programs Leading to Professional Licensure

United Tribes Technical College's curricula for the Elementary Education program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure in **North Dakota** and may meet requirements in other states.

Because professional licensure and certification requirements vary from state to state, prospective and current students are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in the state you plan to work before beginning an affiliated academic program.

States in which United Tribes Technical College meets professional licensure requirements for Teacher Education are presented here: [Meets State Educational Requirements for Licensure 11/28/2025](#)

Codes: **Y** = Meets state educational requirements N = Does not meet state education requirements **D** = Determination not made NA = State does not require licensure

State	Determination	State	Determination
Alabama	Y	New Hampshire	Y
Alaska	Y	New Jersey	Y
Arizona	Y	New Mexico	Y
Arkansas	Y	New York	D
California	D	North Carolina	Y
Colorado	Y	North Dakota	Y
Connecticut	D	Ohio	D
Delaware	Y	Oklahoma	Y
District of Columbia	Y	Oregon	Y
Florida	Y	Pennsylvania	Y
Georgia	Y	Puerto Rico	Y
Hawaii	Y	Rhode Island	Y
Idaho	Y	South Carolina	Y
Illinois	Y	South Dakota	Y
Indiana	Y	Tennessee	Y
Iowa	Y	Texas	Y
Kansas	Y	U.S. Virgin Islands	Y
Kentucky	Y	Utah	Y
Louisiana	Y	Vermont	Y
Maine	Y	Virginia	Y
Maryland	Y	Washington	Y
Massachusetts	Y	West Virginia	Y
Michigan	Y	Wisconsin	Y
Minnesota	Y	Wyoming	Y
Mississippi	Y	North Mariana Islands	Y
Missouri	Y	Guam	Y
Montana	Y	Micronesia	Y
Nebraska	Y	Marshall Islands	Y
Nevada	Y	Palau	Y

More information about state licensing and reciprocity can be found at [Teacher Education Reciprocity | United Tribes Teacher Education](#).

The NASDTEC Interstate Agreement facilitates the mobility of educators among the 47 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Education Activity, and Guam. Licensure requirements for out-of-state educators are listed by state, including an interactive map tool at this site: <https://www.nasdtec.net/general/custom.asp?page=Interstate>. Some states may require additional testing or other requirements outside of the educational requirements provided at UTTC.

## Professional Licensure Disclosures

UTTC is required by federal law to notify prospective and current students which of its programs do or do not meet state licensing or certification requirements.

Under federal regulations, UTTC is prohibited from admitting students into a professional licensure or certificate program if that program does **not** meet the licensure requirements in the student's current state of residence.

## STUDENT ATTESTATION FORM

Students residing in a state where a program **does not meet** licensure requirements, but who plan to relocate to North Dakota or another state where the program **meets** those requirements, must complete and submit a **Student Attestation Form** prior to enrollment.

This form acknowledges that a student has been informed of the licensure or certification status of their intended program and has disclosed plans for relocation, if applicable.

Students who plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than North Dakota, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate **state licensing agency** for information about current requirements. Professional licensure and certification standards may vary by state and are subject to change.

United Tribes Technical College strives to maintain accurate and up-to-date state licensure and certification information; however, students are responsible for verifying current requirements with their state's licensing authority.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If a student's **current address or telephone number** changes during the course of their program, they must promptly update their contact information with United Tribes Technical College by:

- <https://uttc.edu/admissions/registrar/student-records/#toggle-id-2>
- Calling 701-221-1871

Accurate address information ensures compliance with federal and state licensure disclosure requirements.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

For more detailed information, please review the following resources:

- Professional Licensure and Certification Programs: [Professional-Licensure-Webpage.pdf](#)
- [Student and Prospective Student Location Definition](#)

Prospective and current students may also contact:

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Regulated professions in the United States are generally licensed at the state level, and most licensed professions require some formal postsecondary education or training as a prerequisite for entry. The competent authority for recognizing professional qualifications is generally the appropriate state or territorial licensing authority in the jurisdiction where one intends to work.

The information presented below should not be considered exhaustive, and it is important to always consult state licensing boards and professional associations for the most timely and authoritative guidance. (<https://sites.ed.gov/international/professional-licensure>)

#### Education Licensing Bodies by State:

(<https://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html>)

Out-of-state requirements may vary by state and can change without notice. In addition, jurisdiction licensure requirements may be affected by other factors such as teaching experience and coursework. It is very important for individuals seeking licensure in other states to obtain the most recent certification/licensure information directly from the state in which they are seeking employment. Students are strongly encouraged to visit with their academic advisor or Transfer Specialist to discuss any questions about licensure in other states.

#### Interstate Licensure Reciprocity

From the U. S. Department of Education website:

Since professional licensure is generally regulated at the state level, it is usually necessary to obtain a separate license for each state in which one wishes to practice. In some instances, reciprocity agreements are in place to make it easier for someone who already holds a license in one state to obtain a license in another state. However, the degree to which such reciprocity exists can vary widely depending on the profession and the states involved. State licensing boards can provide detailed information on the existence of any reciprocity agreement they have with other states.

(<https://sites.ed.gov/international/professional-licensure>)

The NASDTEC's Interstate Agreement shares an important reminder to all teacher candidates seeking employment in another state, which is *"reciprocity is always easier if you completed the certification requirements and obtained your teaching credential in the state where you completed your program requirements."*

United Tribes Technical College provides notifications to prospective and current students seeking information for any in-person, distance or hybrid education program leading to professional licensure as required by Federal regulations (34 CFR 668.43).