



PTSB License Pathways

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W.S. 21-7-303

21-7-303 Certificate or permit required

- (a) Except as otherwise provided . . . no person shall teach or supervise in a public school in this state and receive compensation therefor out of any public fund who at the time of rendering such services is not a holder of or a candidate and qualified for a certificate or permit issued or to be issued under the laws of this state and the rules and regulations of the Wyoming professional teaching standards board pursuant to W.S. 21-2-802.



Traditional Route

- ❖ Completion of an educator preparation program (EPP) from an accredited college/university that leads to a Standard Educator License.
- ❖ An Institutional Recommendation from the EPP attests that the individual has met all licensure requirements for the state the institution is located.
- ❖ Typically these are undergraduate or graduate degree programs.



Alternative Route to Licensure

- ❖ Wyoming does not have a state-approved alternative route to licensing program.
- ❖ PTSB does recognize some alternative route programs from other states; however, each program must be evaluated to determine if it is substantially equivalent to the Wyoming program approval standards and processes.
- ❖ At a minimum, an out-of-state alternative route program must be coordinated with an accredited institution of higher education, be state-approved in the state where the institution is physically located, and include a student teaching component.
- ❖ These may be degree programs, but are often non-degree granting programs.



Professional, Industry, Career (PIC) Permit

- ❖ PTSB has offered the PIC permit for a number of years,
- ❖ Primarily intended for Career Technical Education (CTE) subject areas that many educator preparation programs do not provide.
- ❖ PTSB requires at least 2 years of verified industry experience, and a current license in the industry (if applicable) to be eligible for the PIC permit.
 - Over the past few years, the Board has expanded the allowance of the PIC permit to cover other professionals interested in teaching in the K-12 system. College professors, doctors, veterinarians, lawyers, and corrections officers have earned PIC permits to teach in Wyoming.
 - Bachelor's degree required for: Business, Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences



Professional, Industry, Career (PIC) Permit

- ❖ PTSB has also developed a pathway for PIC permit holders to become eligible for a Standard Educator license. By transitioning to a Standard License these educators are then eligible to add other content area endorsements, or pursue administrator endorsements if eligible.
- ❖ This pathway includes a sequence of foundational education courses that provides PIC permit holders a similar educational background as those who completed a traditional educator preparation program.
 - Foundations of development & learning
 - Foundations of Education
 - Introduction to Special Education
 - Methods of Instruction to include classroom management



Exception Authorizations (EA)

- ❖ PTSB's version of what other states consider a provisional license.
- ❖ It allows individuals to work as teachers while completing coursework, testing requirements, or training.
- ❖ Educators on an EA must hold a Bachelor's degree, and are supervised by licensed and fully endorsed educators assigned by the school districts.



Exception Authorizations (EA)

EA Option #1

Applicants who meet all requirements for a Wyoming Standard Educator License

EXCEPT

submission of the required passing test score for Elementary Education, and Social Studies Comprehensive.

Valid for:
1 year non-renewable

EA Option #2

For program completion to add an endorsement. This is the most common EA granted.

Valid for:
1 year. Can be renewed twice allowing 3 years to complete program.

EA Option #3

For Administrator, School Counselor, School Social Worker, School Psychologist, or other related service personnel who do not hold full licensure in the area.

Valid for:
1 year non-renewable

EA Option #4 -

Out of Field

By District
Request only for currently certified educators who are assigned to teach outside of their endorsement area (not for Elementary Education or Special Education).
Requires passing the appropriate Praxis subject-area test.

Valid for:
2 year non-renewable

EA Option #5

For educators hired as a Dual Language Immersion teacher who do not hold full licensure in the endorsement area.

Valid for:
1 year. Can be renewed twice allowing 3 years of experience to add this endorsement to a Standard License.



Permits

- ❖ Permits are issued for:
- ❖ A specified time and function
- ❖ Specialization area appropriate to the applicant's preparation, training, and background
- ❖ Unless otherwise noted, are valid for 5 years



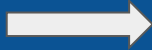
Permits

- ❖ Coaching
- ❖ Substitute Teacher
- ❖ Lifetime Substitute
- ❖ Consultant Specialist
- ❖ Internship
- ❖ Driver's Education
- ❖ Professional, Industry, Career (PIC)
- ❖ Educational Sign Language Interpreter
- ❖ Native Language (Arapahoe & Shoshoni)
- ❖ Visiting Foreign Teacher
- ❖ Domestic Teacher Exchange

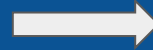


Traditional Route - College/University (IHE) based - Accredited

Bachelor or Master
Degree Program
on-campus/online
2 - 4 years



Field & Clinical
Experience
(i.e. Practicum &
Student Teaching)



Testing: if required
for licensure in
content area

Standard Educator License

Application + fees
Background check
US/WY Constitution

5 year validity

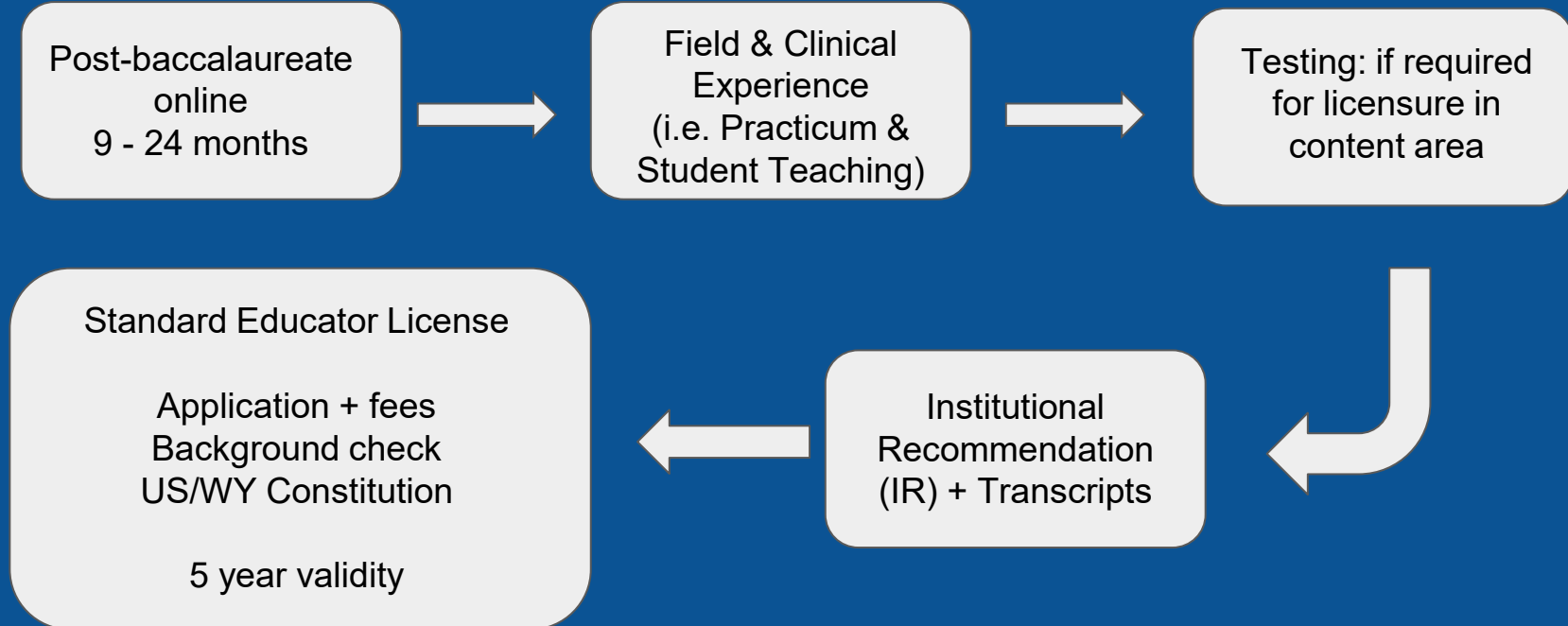


Institutional
Recommendation
(IR) + Transcripts



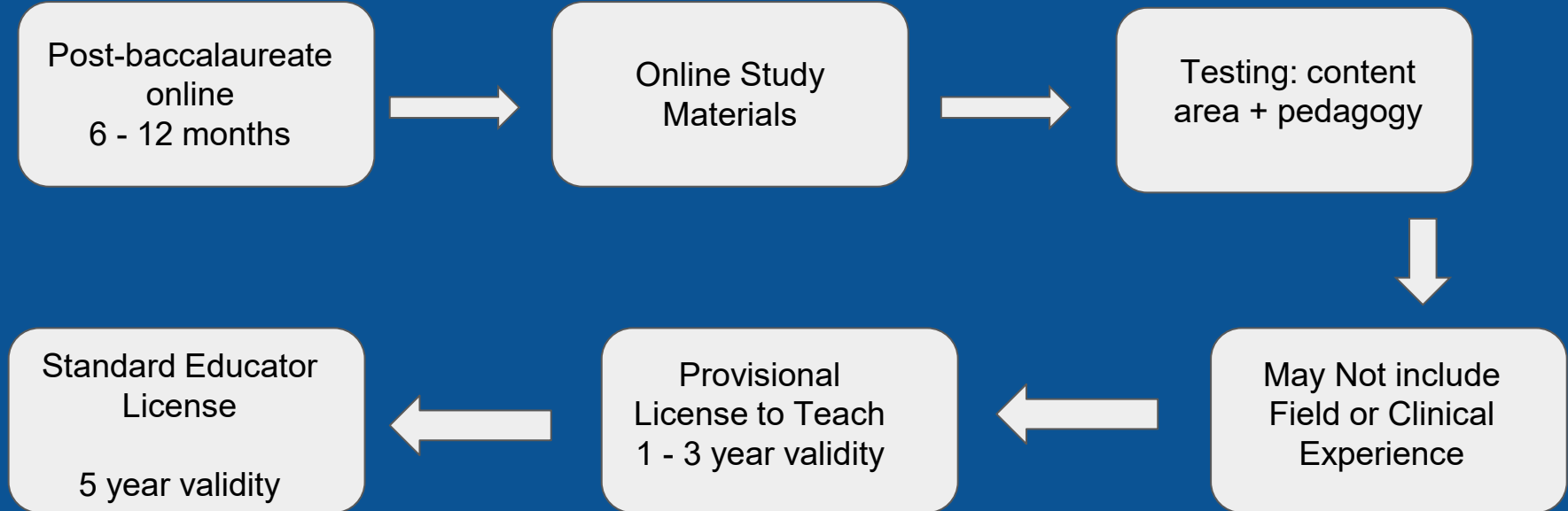


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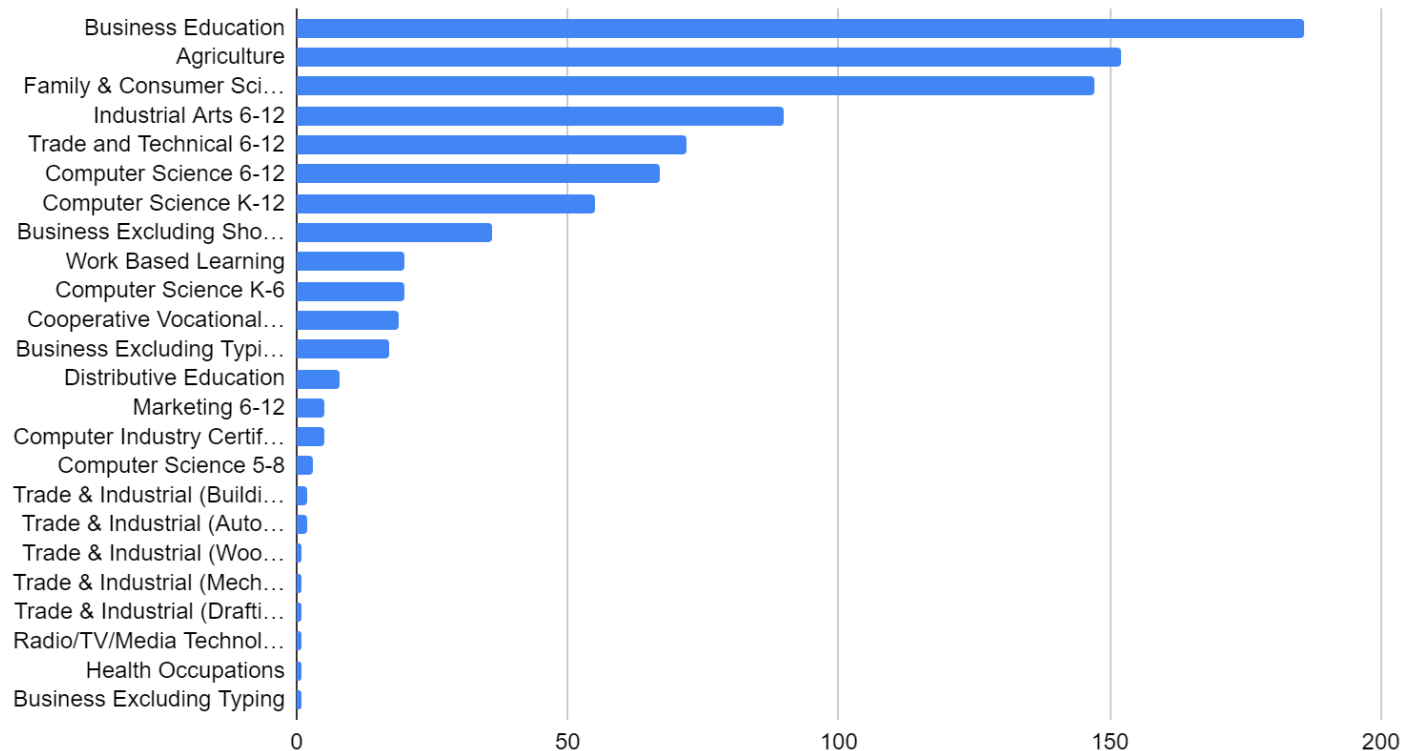


Alternative Route - non-IHE based - may or may not be Accredited



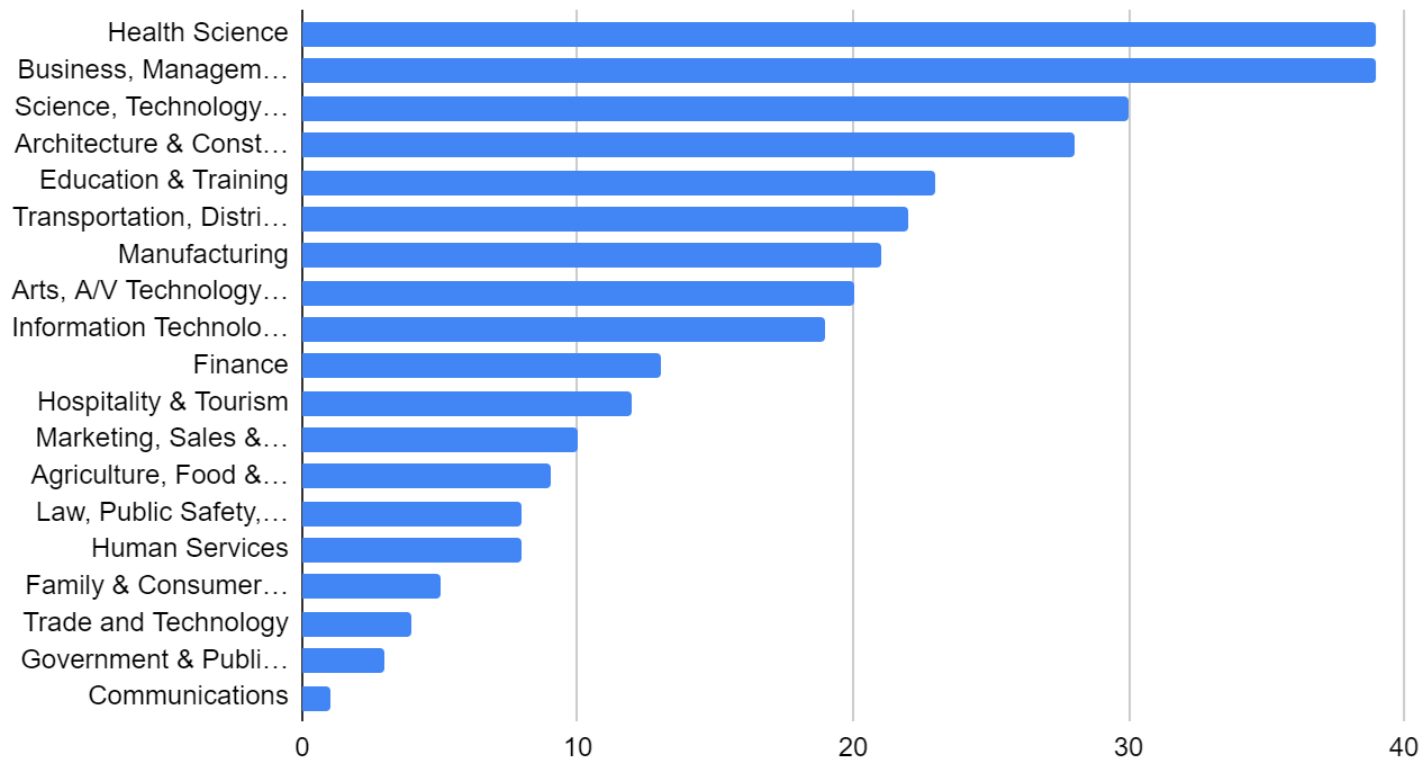


Standard License - CTE Endorsements





PIC Permits - CTE Endorsements





Exception Authorizations - CTE Endorsements

