

## Types of Licensure:

Standard Professional I (SP1)	<p>SP1 Licenses are valid for three years. To be issued a SP1 License, an individual must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college</li> <li>• Completed a state approved teacher education program from a regionally accredited college or university, or</li> <li>• Completed another state's approved alternative route to licensure,</li> <li>• Met the federal requirements to be designated as "Highly Qualified"</li> <li>• Classroom teachers also have to complete the 3-year Beginning Teacher Program</li> </ul>
Standard Professional II (SP2)	<p>SP2 Licenses are valid for five years. Teachers who are fully licensed and "<u>Highly Qualified</u>" in another state who have three or more years of teaching experience in another state <b>AND</b> who meet <u>NC testing requirements</u> <b>OR</b> have National Board Certification are issued the SP2 license (NBPTS excludes Elementary Education and Special Education)</p>
Lateral Entry	<p>Lateral entry is an "alternate" route to teaching for qualified individuals outside of the public education system. Lateral entry allows qualified individuals to obtain a teaching position and begin teaching right away, while obtaining a professional educator's license as they teach. The NC Dept of Public Instruction authorizes lateral entry professional educator's licenses on a provisional basis in licensure areas that correspond to the individual's academic study.</p> <p><a href="http://hr.ccs.k12.nc.us/files/2012/06/Lateral-Entry.pdf">http://hr.ccs.k12.nc.us/files/2012/06/Lateral-Entry.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.ralc.us/">http://www.ralc.us/</a></p> <p>Individuals who do not fulfill the requirements of their lateral entry license within the initial 3 years may be issued another lateral entry licensed provided that they have passed the currently required NC Praxis II and/or Pearson tests for the area in which the license will be issued <b>and</b> at least 6 years have passed since the prior lateral entry license was issued.</p>
Provisional	<p>License is issued with the requirement that coursework for SP1 or SP2 license be satisfied at the rate of six semester hours per year. Hours must be completed prior to the beginning of each new school year. Praxis II test(s) may also be required to clear the provisional area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Social Worker: must have a BSW or MSW</li> <li>• School Counselor: 18 graduate hours in School Counseling from a state approved program at a regionally accredited university  <u>Or</u>            Master's degree from a regionally accredited university in           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agency Counseling</li> <li>○ Clinical Mental Health Counseling</li> <li>○ Community Counseling</li> <li>○ Rehabilitation Counseling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School Media: "A" level teaching license or 18 graduate hours applicable toward a school media coordinator program from a state approved program at a regionally accredited university</li> <li>• School Psychology: completion of all program requirements at the advanced (6<sup>th</sup> year) level, except for the internship. A written request for the internship year from the university is required.</li> <li>• Speech-Pathology: Provisional licenses are no longer issued in this area.</li> </ul> <p>Provisional licenses may also be added to SP1 or SP2 license in non-core areas only. [see FAQ's]</p>

Career-Technical	Work Experience Alternative Route License. Full-time documented work experience requirements vary based on degree level. Licensure completion may be through a NC university approved teacher education program or DPI may outline the specific requirements. License completion is required within 3 school years including Praxis II test for specific areas.
Validation	Reinstatement of an <u>expired</u> SP1 or SP2 NC license can only be requested by a hiring school system. It is issued for 3 school years, and the educator must complete 15 CEUs at the rate of 5 CEUs per school year.