

Out-of-State Educator Preparation Programs in Tennessee

Eligibility and Requirements for Out-of-State EPPs Seeking to Recommend Candidates for Licensure in Tennessee

Recommending Completers for Tennessee Licensure

Out-of-state EPPs that hold approval in a state other than Tennessee may recommend completers for a Tennessee educator license. Out-of-state EPPs who recommend sufficient numbers of candidates for Tennessee licensure will be required to participate in state reporting, including annual reports and report cards. To recommend completers for a Tennessee educator license, an out-of-state EPP:

- must implement the program (e.g., coursework, assessment, and clinical requirements) as approved in the home state (limited exceptions allowed for customization to align with Tennessee standards and expectations, but must be approved by the department); and
- must have a state-recognized partnership agreement on file with the department prior to supporting clinical experiences based in a Tennessee public or non-public school.

Out-of-state EPPs may not advertise programs as being Tennessee-approved.

Becoming a Tennessee-Approved Provider

Out-of-state EPPs, including IHEs and EROs, may apply to become a Tennessee-approved provider if each of the following eligibility conditions are met:

- The out-of-state provider must set goals of producing at least 10 candidates per academic year, in addition to identifying recruitment and placement goals as a component of a primary partnership.
- The out-of-state provider must have demonstrated capacity to provide effective mentoring and supervision for all licensure candidates completing clinical experience in Tennessee public or non-public schools.
- The partnership agreement must reflect the responsibilities of the provider and the responsibilities of the partnering LEA.
- The out-of-state provider must have established selection criteria that meets or exceeds the minimum expectations set for Tennessee EPPs.
- The EPP must be able to clearly identify program candidates and completers affiliated with Tennessee, for federal reporting requirements.
- The EPP must meet all other requirements for state approval as determined by the state board in [Educator Preparation Policy 5.504](#).

Once approved, out-of-state EPPs will be subject to all review processes.

For more information on requirements of out-of-state EPPs in Tennessee, review [Educator Preparation Policy 5.504](#) or contact Martin.Nash@tn.gov.