

AMERICANBOARD

Your Community. Your Teachers.

Frequently Asked Questions

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence

- An online, self-paced teacher training and certification program, designed to enable career changers to become teachers and give them a rigorous and efficient process to obtain teaching certification.
- The American Board was launched with a \$45 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2001.
- The non-partisan, non-profit organization's mission is to certify subject experts, experienced professionals, career changers and military veterans as teachers and was endorsed by U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige.
- To date, over 6,500 American Board teaching certifications have been issued.

States Utilizing the American Board Program

Pennsylvania, 2002

New Hampshire, 2004

Oklahoma, 2009

Idaho, 2003

Missouri, 2004

Arizona, 2013

Florida, 2004

Mississippi, 2006

Arkansas, 2015

Utah, 2004

South Carolina, 2007

The American Board is approved by the State Legislature in both Florida and Missouri. For all other states, the American Board is approved by the State Board of Education.

How Our Program Operates

- To enroll in The American Board program, one must hold a bachelor's degree or be in the process of obtaining their degree from a Nationally Accredited institution, and successfully pass a background check.
- Once enrolled, students have one full year in which they will be able to access all study material and American Board practice exams online.
- Being a self-paced, self-study program, students are able to take the Professional Teaching Knowledge (PTK) exam as well as the subject area exam at any point within that year.
- Exams are proctored at any Pearson VUE Testing Center.
- Upon passing both exams, students may then receive state issued temporary certificate and be hired on as a full time public school teacher in that subject area and grade range.
- The student would then fulfill their state's professional development requirements to transition their temporary certificate to full-time certificate.