



Mountain BOCES-Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enroll?

1. In order to enroll in our Mountain BOCES Alternative Licensure Programs, you must first be hired by a school district in a teaching position.
2. Once you are hired, you send the district the [SOA form](#) to be filled out. Once they have filled out the SOA, you will email it to pl@mtnboces.org so that we can officially enroll you in our program. We will then fill out the SOA and send it back to you.
3. You will then sign your portion of the SOA and begin the process of obtaining your license through [CDE](#). If you have any questions on the licensing process or requirements, please contact:

CDE Educator Preparation & Licensing Requirements

Submit [Licensing Support Requests Form](#)

Call 720-739-3304

Phone hours: 7:30am to 12:30pm, Monday to Friday

Do I need an Alternative License or an Interim Authorization?

- In order to determine which application you should complete, please review the information on CDE's website.
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/altteacheroverview>
https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/Licensure_alt_endorsements

When do I need to make my first payment?

- We recommend that you pay the first half of your program fees at the end of your first semester and the second half at the end of your second semester. If you receive the ERR grant, to cover part or all of your program, it will be sent directly to Mountain BOCES business office.

Are there any grants available to help cover the cost of the program?

- There are a few grant options available, but each will depend on the specific circumstances for each applicant.
 - The [ERR grant](#) is one option for program participants. This grant is through CDE. Please visit the link to get more information and to determine if this grant is one that you might want to apply for. If received, the payment will come directly to Mountain BOCES.
 - Your local [workforce office](#) may have grants available. Their grants are highly individualized, and **you would need to apply for workforce grants before starting our program**. Workforce grants have to be completed prior to applying for your license.
 - TEACH Colorado mini-grant (\$90) is a reimbursement program for your license fees on CDE's application site (COOL). You must apply through TEACH Colorado **BEFORE** creating your COOL account.
 - <https://colorado.teach.org/>
 - <https://colorado.teach.org/services/fee-reimbursements>



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Do I need to take a PRAXIS?

- Each person has a highly individualized set of requirements based on their prior experience and education. To determine if you need to take one or more PRAXIS assessments, please visit [CDE's Alternative Licensure Endorsements page](#) and [CDE's Endorsement Requirements page](#).

How long is your program?

- We offer a 1-year program that allows flexibility in enrollment. This allows prospective teachers to enroll throughout the year as they obtain teaching positions.

What does the program consist of?

- The Mountain BOCES Alternative Licensure Programs are great for self-starters that enjoy managing their progress and completion of course requirements with minimal oversight. Our program has two components:
 - Asynchronous Online Courses: You will complete online courses, often 2-3 courses, over the program year. These courses can be completed at the pace that best suits you. However, all courses will need to be completed prior to program completion. Courses will be determined by the program you are enrolled in.
 - Field Experience: You will participate in a school-based component and be assigned a mentor (at your school) and a Field Supervisor (from BOCES). Field Experience will consist of monthly meetings with your mentor, completing 6 observations throughout the program year, final presentation, and serving in a role as designated by your CDE teaching license/authorization.