

# APS CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the Pathways to Certification with Atlanta Public Schools?

- a. Traditional Certification
- b. Alternative Certification
- c. Permits
- d. No Certification <http://www.boarddocs.com/go/aps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ALCQD956FA74>

### 2. What are the requirements for each pathway?

- Please refer to Pathway Options to Being an Educator in Atlanta Public Schools.

### 3. I am looking to change career paths. Is there a Pathway that I could talk to use my work experience to teach?

- Depending on your occupational experience you may qualify for a Permit or the Non-Certification Pathway

### 4. I currently hold a Nonrenewable Certification with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Am I eligible for the APS No certification route?

- Once you hold a certification issued by the GaPSC you may **NOT** opt for the Non-Certification pathway with Atlanta Public Schools.

*Please note that this excludes Paraprofessional certificates and Clearance certificates. These certificates are eligible for the Non-Certification pathway.*

### 5. Can I teach Special Education, Gifted, or ESOL under the Non-Certification Pathway?

**No.** Atlanta Public Schools cannot waive certification requirements for these fields. In order to teach, you must gain state certification.

### 6. Is coursework required if I opt for the Non-Certification route? What is the investment Participants who opt for Non-Certification Pathway will be required to complete a year-long Induction, Empowering Teachers Program which includes:

- Professional Development (PD) coursework and Seminars conducted by MRESA (cost \$600)
- Clinical Supervision & Support (job-embedded)
- Culminating Assessments
- Positive performance observations and evaluations
- Meet annual PD requirements each year of ongoing employment

### 7. If I opt for the Non-Certification route, will I receive a certificate?

**Yes;** however, you will only receive a Clearance certification. The Non-certification route only allows you to gain certification for employment with Atlanta Public Schools. You will not be certified with the State of Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).