

HOW IT WORKS: UTAH

ABCTE's certification is ideal for knowledgeable and motivated professionals who want to change careers and become teachers, and for current teachers who need to earn their certification.

The math program was officially recognized by the Utah State Board of Education as a route to state certification in December 2004. Utah officially recognized **all subject areas** in May 2008. All teachers certified through ABCTE are considered highly qualified.

Current Utah Certifications

- Biology (6-12)
- Chemistry (6-12)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- English (6-12)
- General Science (6-12)
- History (6-12)*
- Math (6-12)
- Physics (6-12)
- Special Education (K-12)

Requirements

All candidates for certification must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate mastery on subject area and professional teaching knowledge examinations. Prior to earning certification, candidates must also pass a federal background check.

Process

1. Be accepted into the **Utah Alternative Routes to Licensing** program. This can be done concurrently, before or after your ABCTE enrollment.

Utah State Office <http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/cert/APT/ARL/description.htm>
(801) 538-7740

2. Complete ABCTE's Certification program
3. Obtain a teaching position as a teacher of record in an Utah school
4. Complete one year of full-time teaching in a Utah school as an ARL participant
5. Complete one year of mentoring. Mentoring programs are offered at no cost by most Utah school districts
6. Candidates must receive a recommendation from their principal for a Level 1 Utah Professional Educator License

* Candidates who earn this certification must successfully complete both the U.S. History and World History exams.

**If you have a degree in Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or another science related field, you may be eligible to begin teaching while you work toward your ABCTE certificate.