



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3302-24-01 Glossary/definitions.

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Terminology used in this chapter of the Administrative Code shall be as defined in this rule.

- (A) "Accredited institution of higher education" is a degree granting institution accredited at the college level by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States secretary of education.
- (B) "Alternative preparation" is completion of any Chancellor approved non-traditional program or pathway to attain licensure for applicants that did not complete an approved program defined in paragraph (C) of this rule.
- (C) "Approved program" is a college or university preparation program that the Ohio department of higher education has determined complies with rules in this chapter and which leads to licensure necessary as a teacher, administrator, or school employee in pupil personnel services.
- (D) "Associate degree" is a degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education following completion of a two-year program of college level studies.
- (E) "Baccalaureate degree" is a degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education following completion of a four-year undergraduate program of college level studies.
- (F) "Continuing education unit" (CEU) is ten contact hours in a professional development program approved by the local professional development committee.
- (G) "Educator" is an individual who has been licensed by the state board of education to teach or practice in Ohio schools.
- (H) "Endorsement " is the addition of a teaching area to the license after completion of an approved program of preparation.
- (I) "ESEA" means the federal elementary and secondary education act.
- (J) "Good moral character" means a person who has not engaged in an immoral act, incompetence, negligence, or conduct that is unbecoming to the applicant's or person's position pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code; or has not pled guilty to, been found guilty of, or been convicted of any offense listed in division (B) or (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code or any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation in another state. However, this definition does not include an individual who meets the conditions specified in Chapters 3302-20 and 3302-73 of the Administrative Code.
- (K) "Learner" is one who gains knowledge, understanding, or skills by study, instruction, or experience; a person who is learning.



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- (L) "License" means any document, including a certificate or permit issued by the state board of education, as defined in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, to an individual who is deemed to be qualified to teach or practice in Ohio schools.
- (M) "Master's degree" is the first graduate degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education.
- (N) "Out of state applicant" is an individual who has completed either an approved program leading to licensure eligibility through a college or university or alternative preparation, as defined in this rule, outside the state of Ohio.
- (O) "Principal" is an individual who has been licensed by the state board of education to serve as a building-level administrator or supervisor in Ohio schools and the term "principal" as used in this chapter, includes "assistant principal".
- (P) "Professional education coursework" is college level course work provided by and completed through the education unit of a college or university approved to prepare teachers.
- (Q) "Semester hour" is the unit of credit granted by an accredited institution of higher education for the satisfactory completion of a semester course. A quarter hour is equivalent to two-thirds of a semester hour.
- (R) "Standard certificate" is a provisional, professional, or permanent certificate.
- (S) "Standard license" is a provisional, resident educator, advanced or professional license.
- (T) "Supplemental license" is a license that allows educators with a currently valid standard teaching certificate or license to teach in an additional or supplemental area provided the applicant meets the requirements specified in rule 3302-24-14 of the Administrative Code.