Visual and Performing Art Credentials by State

Key: C= Certification; E=Endorsement; L = Licensure

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State	Amended Date	Dance	Theater	Music	Visual Arts	HS Grad	Univ Ad
Alabama	Rev. 2005 - Certification is required in the art forms for K-12. Specific requirements are determined by accredited college or university and must meet certification laws of the state.	C	C	C	C	0.5 cr. in DTMA or Arts Survey	None
Alaska	Rev. 2005 - All classroom teachers must hold Type A teacher certificates. Certificates must have an endorsement in a developmental level, and secondary certificates must also have at least one specialty or content area endorsement, such as an arts discipline.	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	Fine Arts coursework is required	None
Arizona	Rev. 2005 – Licensing in the arts requires 30 hrs in content area.	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	C/E K-12	1 cr. in Fine or Vocational Arts	1 yr in any 4 arts areas required
Arkansas	Rev. 2005– Certification is required to teach art, music or theater. Performance-based licensure is in development.	None Specified	C K-12	C K-12	C K-12	0.5 cr. in arts	None
California	Rev. 2005 - Credentials required are issued in music and visual arts. Dance/theatre teachers must obtain a PE or English single subject credential, & apply for supplement-al authorization to teach dance or theatre. Must pass SSAT or PRAXIS II, or complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program and obtain verification of completion.	C- (Phys Ed), E-(Dance)	C (English), E (Theatre)	C/E, Grades preK-12	C/E, Grades preK-12	1 yr of cr. in visual or performing arts or foreign lang.	1 yr visual or performing arts
Colorado	Rev. 2005 – Licensure requirements are under revision. Music, visual arts and theater certification are required.	None Specified	C	C	C	Some districts may require arts	None
Connecticut	Rev. 2005 – Licensure is required for visual arts and music, but dance and theatre are taught by physical education and English teachers. Moving toward Praxis I, Praxis II and multimedia teacher portfolio.	C	C	C	C	1 cr. in arts or vocational education	None
Delaware	Rev. 2005 – Teachers of visual art and music are required to become certified in their discipline, as specified by the college or university program, or by a specified amount of academic coursework. A comprehensive certificate is valid for teaching grades K-12. Dance certification falls under physical education.	None	C	C	C	None	None

District of Columbia	Rev. 2004 – Music and visual art methodology is required in elementary teacher education programs. All teachers have three years to complete certification, including the PRAXIS exam. Areas such as music and visual art require and additional audition or portfolio review.	None	None	C	C	0.5 credit unit M and VA 9-12	None
Florida	Rev. 2005 - Licensure is required for music, art, and theatre. All teacher certification requirements include 30 hours of content study, 20 hours professional education, and a bachelor's degree that may be in the area of certification.	L	L	L	L	1 cr. fine arts	None
Georgia	Rev. 2005 – State licensure (certification) is required for all public school teachers in the field of art, music, dance and drama. Completion of a state-approved program or possession of an out-of-state professional certificate is necessary. PRAXIS II content assessments are required for art and music, but not for dance or drama. See: www.htsb.org.	C	C	C	C	1 credit toward an elective requirement	None
Hawaii	Rev. 2005 - Requirements for licensure include a bachelor's degree from a state-approved teacher education program and passing the Praxis exam.	None Specified	L	L	L	2 credits in FA, language or vocational education	None
Idaho	Rev. 2005 – Content areas/disciplines in the arts that are specifically identified include: Endorsements, K-12 Music Endorsements and Credit Requirements.	None Specified	E 6-12	E	E	1 yr of Fine Arts required	None
Illinois	Rev. 2005 – Arts teachers must have arts certification in addition to general teaching requirements. Requirements are a minimum of 24 semester hours in the fine arts.	C	C	C	C	1 yr music, arts, foreign language, or vocational education	None
Indiana	Rev. 2005 – A revised teacher certification process went into effect for teachers whose first teaching position began in fall 2001. Fine arts content areas will be defined as visual arts, vocal and general music, instrumental and general music, theater arts, and dance.	L/E	L/E	L/E	L/E	Fulfills 2 courses for Academic Hon Diploma; or 1 credit arts elective	None
Iowa	Rev. 2005 - Certification is required for music and visual arts teachers for K-12.	Not specified	Not specified	C K - 12	C 7 - 12	Determined at district level	None
Kansas	Rev. 2005 – Teachers in K-12 must take at least one music and one art course to be licensed.	Not specified	L	L	L	1 unit of Fine Arts	None
Kentucky	Rev. 2005 – Certification is required for music and visual arts. The Kentucky State Board of Education recently approved stand alone certification in dance and drama.	C	C	C	C	1 cr. in History & Appreciation of Visual & Performing Arts	None

Louisiana	Rev. 2005 – Certification requires 31 hours of arts content.	C	C	C	C	None	Only LSU requires arts
Maine	Rev. 2004 – Maine has certification in music and visual art, but not in dance (which is under physical education) or theater (which falls under English).	E	E	E	E	1 cr. in Performing or Visual Arts	None
Maryland	Rev. 2005 - A bachelor's degree, or 36 semester hours or more of (art, music, theater, or dance) plus 18 hrs of coursework in education. Praxis I (PPST or CBT) are required for all beginning teachers.	C K-12	C, 7 - 12	C, PreK - 12	C PreK - 12	1 credit in Dance, Music, Theatre or Visual Arts	None
Massachusetts	Rev. 2005 – Separate licenses for dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.	L	L	L	L	None	None
Michigan	Rev. 2005 – New teacher preparation program standards approved by State BoEd for Dance (2002), VA (2001) and Music (2004).	E	None Specified	E	E	1 cr. in visual, performing or applied arts	None
Minnesota	Rev. 2005 – Licensure is required in visual arts, music and dance/theater. Competencies in each content area are set by the state. Fulfillment is determined by the approved college or university program.	L	L	L	L	1 credit in the arts	Require 1 yr of art
Mississippi	Rev. 2005 – License required Requirements include a bachelor's degree in one area of fine arts plus the Praxis I and II.	L	L	L	L	1 cr. in Fine Arts	None
Missouri	Rev. 2005 – In addition to general education requirements, arts teachers are required to take a total of 30 hours of courses in the visual arts.	C	C	C	C	1 cr. in Fine Arts	UM system requires 1 credit in FA
Montana	Rev. 2005 - Licensure is required in art, music and dramatics or speech-drama. Specific course requirements are determined by the college or university which recommends endorsement to the state educational agency.	E	E, 9 -12	E	E	1 cr. in Fine Arts	None
Nebraska	Rev. 2005 - The state licenses teachers in visual arts and music. Competencies in each content area are set by the state. Fulfillment is determined by the approved college or university program.	Not specified	E	L	L	Determined at district level	None
Nevada	Rev. 2005 - Licensure is required for music, art, theater and dance. In addition to general education, arts teachers are required to take a total of 36 hours of content in the fine arts or have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching the fine arts.	C	C	C	C	1 cr. Arts & Humanities	None

New Hampshire	Rev. 2005 – Discipline specific, standards-based outcomes that align with state student standards are required in visual art, music, and theatre.	L In process	L	L	L	0.5 cr. in arts	None
New Jersey	Rev. 2005 - Licensure is required for dance, music, visual arts and theatre. Vocational licensure is available. Regular and alternative route certification exists in all 4 art disciplines.	C/E	C/E	C/E	C/E	5 credits in V & PA = 1 yr daily instruction (55 min/day)	None
New Mexico	Rev. 2004 – Licensure for dance, music, theatre, and visual arts was revised in 2001.	None Specified	None Specified	L	L	None	None
New York	Rev. 2005 – Thirty (semester hours) credits in music, dance and visual arts are required for initial certification. Arts teachers must complete degree in area of expertise.	C / E	C / E	C / E	C / E	1 cr. in Fine Arts	None
No Carolina	Rev. 2005 – Licensure is required for all content areas. Specific requirements are determined by accredited college or university and guided by state teacher education standards.	L	L	L	L	2 out of 6 electives must be a combination of Fine, Vocational Arts or Foreign Language	None
No Dakota	Rev. 2005 - To teach art in K-6 in music, art, PE, computer education, and foreign language, a teacher must have a major, minor, or preparation as accepted to a minor in the assigned area of teaching. Middle level or junior high, grades 5-9, require specific area preparation. Secondary school requires specific area preparation. For theater arts, academic preparation must include at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours of the theater arts.	not specified	E	E	E	None	None
Ohio	Rev. 2005 – Ohio has four multi-age licenses in the arts for pre-K-12: dance, drama/theater, music, visual arts. Institutes of higher learning determine specific requirements. Preparation in the teaching field constitutes an academic major or its equivalent with sufficient advanced coursework approved by state or certifying institution.	C / E	C / E	C / E	C / E	1 unit in Fine Arts, Business, Technology, or Foreign Lang.	Determined by college
Oklahoma	Rev. 2005 – Competency-based licensing is required in dance, art, music and drama.	C	None specified	C	C	2 credits or competencies in arts	None, Strongly Recommend
Oregon	Rev. 2005 – Teacher licensing with endorsements required in visual arts, theater, and music. Endorsements may be added to an existing licensure fulfilling state requirements.	E (Phys Ed) Grades 5-12	E	E	E	1 credit in Fine or Applied Arts or Foreign Lang.	None

Pennsylvania	Rev. 2005 – Licensure is required for art and music. Competencies are defined by the teacher preparation standards in the field under the Dept of Ed. Each college or university defines specific course requirements.	C, In Physical Education	C, In Communica-tions	C	C	None	None
Rhode Island	Rev. 2005 - Certification requirements for music (36 hrs), arts (36 hrs), dance (24 hrs), and theatre (24 hrs).	C	C	C	C	Students demonstrate proficiency in a core academic area that may include arts	0.5 cr. at RI college
So Carolina	Rev. 2005 - Licensure is required for visual art, music, dance, and theater, K-12.	L	L	L	L	None	1 cr in arts is required
So Dakota	Rev. 2005 - Licensure requires 18 hours in specialty work in the arts (visual arts, music, theater).	not specified	C, (Lang Arts)	C	C	1 cr. in arts	None
Tennessee	Rev. 2005 - Licensure in elementary schools is required in music and visual arts certification. Secondary schools require certification in music, visual arts, and theatre.	C 6-12	C/E 6-12	C/E	C/E	1 cr. in arts for college bound	1 unit for college bound students
Texas	Rev. 2005 – Required Bachelor's degree in related program Fine arts teachers at the secondary level (6-12) must have a specialization major in one of the four arts subject areas (art, dance, music, theatre) and successfully complete the appropriate teacher certification test. Certification of fine arts teachers in Texas is based upon a process and examination.	C / E	C / E	C / E	C / E	1 credit of FA required	None
Utah	Rev. 2005 - The licensure requirement for secondary arts educators is a full degree program in content area being taught or an endorsement.	E / C	C	C	C	1.5 cr. in arts	None
Vermont	Rev. 2005 – The state licenses teachers in the arts. Competencies are set by the state.	L	L	L	L	1 yr of the arts	Determined by College
Virginia	Rev. 2005 – Requirements for licensure for visual arts (36 hrs), music (42 hrs), theater (33 hrs), dance (24 hrs).	L	L	L	L	1 cr. Fine or Practical Arts	None
Washington	Rev. 2005 – Arts endorsements exist for Dance, Drama (Theatre), Choral Music, Instrumental Music, General Music, and Visual Arts and Dance.	C/E	C/E	C / E	C / E	1 cr. in visual or performing arts	1 cr. in fine, visual or per-forming arts or an academic elective
W Virginia	Rev. 2005 - Licensing requirements are specified for art and music. Currently there is no licensing requirement for Dance or Theatre. However, both subjects must be offered, and can be taught by a teacher who holds a Professional Teaching Certificate endorsed for the appropriate grade levels and who has the expertise to deliver the curriculum.	E	E	C Grades 9-12	C	1 cr. in arts (DTMA)	None

Wisconsin	Rev. 2005 – Credit hours are no longer considered. Teacher candidates in college/university programs must demonstrate competencies that demonstrate knowledge and teaching skills in the given arts discipline.	C	C	C	C	None	One of five required electives can be filled with fine arts
Wyoming	Rev. 2005 - Licensing is required for visual arts, music and theater.	not specified	E	C/E	C/E	None	None