



State Requirements

for Teacher Certification/Licensure in Physical Education

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AL	•	•	•	•	More than 5 years					
AK				•						
AZ	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
AR	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	2 years
CA	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	No minimum educational requirement	
CO				•	5 years					
CT	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	1 year
DE	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	Less than 1 year
DC				•						
FL			•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	3 years
GA	•	•		•	5 years					
HI			•	•						
ID			•	•		•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
IL	•	•	•	•	4 years					
IN	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
IA	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	2 years
KS	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	Less than 1 year
KY		•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
LA	•	•	•	•	5 years					
ME	•	•	•		5 years	•			Bachelor's Degree in teaching	3 years

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MD	•	•	•		5 years					
MA	•	•	•	•						
MI	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	1 year
MN	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree with minimum of minor in PE	3 years
MS			•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
MO	•	•	•			•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
MT	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	1 year
NE	•	•	•							
NV		•	•	•	5 years					
NH	•	•	•	•	3 years					
NJ	•	•	•	•						
NM	•	•	•	•						
NY	•	•	•	•	Less than 3 years					
NC	•	•	•		5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	3 years
ND	•	•	•		5 years					
OH			•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
OK	•	•	•		5 years					
OR	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	1 year
PA	•	•	•	•	More than 5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	Less than 1 year
RI	•	•	•		Less than 3 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	1 year
SC	•	•	•							
SD	•	•	•		5 years					
TN	•	•	•		More than 5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	1 year
TX	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree with 24 hours of specific PE coursework	1 year
UT	•	•	•	•	5 years		•	•	Bachelor's Degree in teaching	2 years

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VA	•	•	•		More than 5 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	3 years
WA	•	•	•	•	3 years	•	•	•	Bachelor's Degree in any area	Less than 1 year
WV	•	•	•	•	3 years					
WI	•	•	•	•	5 years	•	•	•	Must be working on PE certification. There must be a proven need by the school district.	1 year
WY										