



## **NC-SARA Professional Licensure Disclosure**

Tusculum University offers several programs leading to professional licensure within the state of Tennessee and is committed to providing accurate information to all students to aid in career planning. States vary in what professions they require to be licensed and how licensure is obtained. Some states require an individual to graduate from an accredited or approved program. Other states may require an individual to complete additional coursework, fieldwork or training, as well as a state licensing exam.

### **Accreditation**

As a participating institution, Tusculum University must maintain appropriate accreditation and meet academic and financial requirements designed to protect and benefit students. Tusculum University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and master's degrees.

### **State Authorization**

Tusculum University participates in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), which allows us to provide distance learning programs and coursework to residents of states other than Tennessee. NC-SARA participation does not grant reciprocity or exempt us from state professional licensing requirements. Therefore, licensing requirements in Tennessee may not be recognized as sufficient to obtain a license in another state.

Students should visit the NC-SARA directory to better understand professional licensure in each state: [Professional Licensure Directory | NC-SARA](#).

### **Student Responsibility**

Students should review the specific academic requirements for the program in which they are enrolling, including those related to practicum/internship, as well as pre-qualifications for licensure. It is the responsibility of the student completing the licensure program to check with the licensing board(s) in their state of residence or in the state in which they intend to obtain a license for the most recent information and requirements. Many licensure boards have additional requirements beyond successful degree completion to obtain a license. Please be advised that state laws, regulations and policies may change at any time.

## TU programs that lead to licensure:

### Nursing

- a. [BS in Nursing \(BSN\)](#): The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Tennessee State Board of Nursing. The BSN program meets the educational eligibility criteria for the National Council for Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for obtaining a license to practice as a registered nurse in Tennessee. By virtue of CCNE accreditation, the nursing program offers a curriculum necessary for licensure in all 50 states (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY).

There are no states for which Tusculum University has determined that the BSN program does not meet the requirements to sit for the national certification exam. It is the individual graduate's responsibility to apply, complete, and pass the NCLEX-RN licensure exam after graduation. It is also the individual graduate's responsibility to apply for state licensure and meet all requirements for the state in which they choose to practice as a registered nurse. Contact information for each state's board of nursing is available [here](#).

- b. [MS in Nursing \(MSN\) – Family Nurse Practitioner](#): The MSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration will meet the eligibility requirements for the FNP certification examinations offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The nursing program offers a curriculum necessary for licensure in all 50 states (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY).

There are no states for which Tusculum University has determined that the MSN program does not meet the requirements to sit for the national certification exams. It is the individual graduate's responsibility to apply, complete, and pass one of the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exams after graduation. It is also the individual graduate's responsibility to apply for state certification and meet all requirements for the state in which they choose to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Contact information for each state's board of nursing is available [here](#).

## Teacher Education

All Tusculum University initial teacher licensure programs listed below are approved by the Tennessee State Board of Education and meet the requirements for Tennessee teacher reciprocity.

- a. [BA in English, English Education Concentration – 6-12 teacher licensure](#)
- b. [BA in History, History Education Concentration – 6-12 teacher licensure](#)
- c. [BA in Interdisciplinary Studies \(BAIS\) – K-5 teacher licensure](#)
- d. [BA in Physical Education – K-12 teacher licensure](#)
- e. [BA in Political Science, Government Education Concentration – 6-12 teacher licensure](#)
- f. [BA in Special Education \(SPED\) – Comprehensive K-12 and Interventionist K-8 teacher licensure](#)
- g. [BS in Mathematics, Mathematics Education Concentration – 6-10 and 6-12 teacher licensure](#)
- h. [MA in Teaching \(MAT\) – K-5, 6-8, 6-10 \(mathematics only\), and 6-12 teacher licensure](#)

## Tennessee Teacher Reciprocity Agreements

The state of Tennessee has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement; the following are member states of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement who have signed reciprocity agreements with Tennessee ensuring that all state-approved programs qualify graduates to transfer their Tennessee teaching license to their state. Visit the Tennessee teacher reciprocity site [here](#).

Alabama	Indiana	Nevada	South Carolina
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	South Dakota
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
California	Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah
Colorado	Maine	New York	Vermont
Connecticut	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia
Georgia	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Missouri	Oregon	Wyoming
Idaho	Montana	Pennsylvania	
Illinois	Nebraska	Rhode Island	

Tusculum University has not determined whether teacher licensure is transferrable to the non-NASDTEC member states of Alaska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

For more information about the process of becoming a certified teacher in Tennessee, explore the Tennessee Department of Education [educator licensure site](#), or call the Office of Teacher Licensing at (615) 532-4885. Contact information for each state's teacher licensing body is available [here](#).