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## **ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM - EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS**

An Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for an Alternative Educator (ELS-APE) may be issued to an individual who does not have a degree in education but wishes to become a full-time teacher and meets the following requirements:

1. Holds a Bachelor's Degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA of at least a 3.0.
2. Passes the applicable content test for the area in which the individual wishes to teach.

This program takes two years to complete and is offered by a number of institutions. A comprehensive list of institutions that offer this path to licensure can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/IHE.aspx>. Once enrolled in an alternative licensure program, the individual will:

- Complete an intensive session (over summer) of methods/pedagogical coursework and, as part of the program, be issued an Educator Licensure with Stipulations endorsed for Alternative Educator (ELS-APE) once requirements of licensure program are met.
- Enter into the first of a two-year classroom residency as a paid, full time teacher of record with an assigned Mentor teacher.
- Prior to the second year of residency, complete any coursework required by program and be recommended by program for second year.
- Pass the edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment) during the first semester of the second year of teaching residency.
- Successfully complete year two of residency and any remaining program requirements.

Upon program completion, the ELS(APE) will be exchanged for the Professional Educator License (PEL) via entitlement.

For more information, please call the Regional Office of Education at 309-734-6822 and ask for Marian Hjelmgren, or email her at [mhjelmgren@roe33.net](mailto:mhjelmgren@roe33.net).