



Certificate in Urban Education Program Alternative Route to Michigan Interim Teaching Certification

Davenport University's (DU) Certificate in Urban Education alternative route to teacher certification is a non-traditional preparation program designed for individuals who hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are seeking to complete an expedited teacher preparation program while employed as a teacher under an Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC). Individuals may complete this pathway regardless of whether they are seeking initial certification in Michigan or are already certificated and wish to add an additional endorsement. The program excludes career and technical education Classifications of Instructional Programs (CIPs), early childhood and special education endorsements.

Candidate Eligibility and Responsibility

Candidates are eligible for enrollment in an alternative route program if they meet the following legislated selectivity criteria:

- minimum of bachelor's degree;
- 3.0 (2.95) GPA on 4.0 scale or a minimum of a cohort average of a 3.0 GPA
- passage of the appropriate discipline area [Michigan Test\(s\) for Teacher Certification](#);
- CPR/First Aid certification (MCL 380.1531d); and
- Federal Background Check (R 390.1201).

Applying for Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC)

Once the candidate has met requirements and has been accepted into the Certificate in Urban Education program, application for the ITC can be completed.

- Apply for certification within the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS)
- Directions for using MOECS can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795_83462---,00.html
- Once application is complete, notify the college by completing the request for ITC form on the College of Urban Education Website <https://goo.gl/forms/MG1QseRJ7W2CxCXG3>

Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC)

The ITC is a Michigan-issued teaching certificate that entitles the holder to teach full-time in a Michigan school as the teacher of record. The ITC is the following:

- a 5-year certificate;
- validity begins the month of issuance and expires on June 30 of the expiration year;
- this certificate can only be issued once, and under no circumstances be renewed; and
- once the certificate is issued no additional endorsements may be added to it.

Maintaining the ITC:

- An individual must continue to be enrolled in the alternative route preparation program;
- If an individual withdraws from an alternative route, an alternative route preparation program must notify the MDE;
- The alternative route preparation program must notify the K-12 school in which the individual is teaching to inform them that the individual may no longer be placed in a K-12 teaching assignment under the ITC
- Should the K-12 school wish to retain the individual as a teacher, the school administrator must apply to the MDE for a substitute permit.

To progress the ITC to a Standard Teaching Certificate or to add the endorsements from an ITC to an existing certificate, an individual must:

- have successfully completed the entire alternative route program, successfully completing all key assessments;
- have taught successfully for three years, within the validity of their endorsement areas (a minimum of 12 weeks per endorsement area);
- make application for certification within the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS); and
- be recommended by the alternative route provider.