

## Appendix B: State teacher certifications that include preschool

Each state determines what certifications it will make available. Certifications define the subject(s) and grade span an individual is licensed to teach. Generally, teacher preparation programs recommend candidates for certification by the state.

State	Certification	Birth	Toddler	Preschool	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alabama	Preschool to grade 3																	
Alaska	Preschool to grade 3																	
Arizona	Birth to grade 3																	
Arkansas	Preschool to grade 4																	
California <sup>1</sup>	Preschool to grade 12																	
Colorado	Birth to age 8																	
Connecticut	Preschool to grade 3																	
Delaware	Birth to grade 2																	
District of Columbia	Preschool to grade 3																	
Florida	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Birth to age 4																	
Georgia	Preschool to grade 5																	
	Birth to kindergarten																	
Hawaii	Preschool to grade 3																	
Idaho	Birth to grade 3																	
Illinois	Birth to grade 3																	
Indiana	Preschool to grade 3																	

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Iowa	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Preschool to kindergarten																	
Kansas	Birth to grade 3																	
	Birth to kindergarten																	
Kentucky	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Birth to kindergarten																	
Louisiana	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Birth to age 5																	
Maryland	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Preschool to grade 2																	
Michigan	Preschool to grade 3																	
	Birth to grade 3																	
Minnesota	Preschool to kindergarten																	
	Nursery to grade 2																	
Missouri	Birth to grade 3																	
	Age 3 to grade 3																	
Nebraska	Birth to grade 3																	
	Birth to grade 2																	
New Hampshire	Birth to grade 3																	
	Preschool to grade 3																	
New Mexico	Birth to grade 3																	
	Birth to grade 2																	
North Carolina	Birth to kindergarten																	
	Birth to grade 3																	

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State	Certification	Birth	Toddler	Preschool	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		
Ohio	Preschool to grade 3 (option to add grades 4 and 5)																		
Oklahoma	Preschool to grade 3																		
Oregon <sup>1</sup>	Preschool to grade 8																		
Pennsylvania	Preschool to grade 12																		
	Preschool to grade 4																		
Rhode Island	Preschool to grade 2																		
South Carolina	Preschool to grade 3																		
South Dakota	Birth to grade 3																		
	Birth to preschool																		
Tennessee	Preschool to grade 3																		
Texas	Preschool to grade 6																		
Utah <sup>2</sup>																			
Vermont	Birth to grade 3																		
	Birth to preschool																		
Virginia	Preschool to grade 3																		
Washington	Preschool to grade 3																		
West Virginia	Preschool to kindergarten																		
Wisconsin	Birth to grade 3																		
	Birth to grade 6																		
Wyoming	Birth to age 5																		
	Birth to grade 3																		

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 2 Utah does not offer a certification that includes preschool. Instead, the state recommends that aspiring early childhood teachers earn the K-3 certification.