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### Alternative Certification

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## Alternative Certification Programs

The following programs are available in South Carolina:

- [Program of Alternative Certification for Educators \(PACE\)](#)
- [Teach for America \(TFA\)](#)
- [American Board](#)
- [Adjunct Teacher Certification](#)
- [Career and Technology Education \(CATE\)](#)

While traditional routes to certification require the completion of an educator preparation program through an accredited college or university of higher learning, this by no means excludes those with differing backgrounds from achieving South Carolina Educator Certification. The Alternative Certification office offers different pathways to becoming an educator and most of the programs lead to full, professional educator certification in South Carolina.

Alternative certification participants cannot switch from one alternate route program to another. All South Carolina alternate route programs have a three-year teaching requirement to secure professional certification. Because of the current three-year limit on alternate-route certifications, a participant who is certified in one alternate route program cannot switch to another because there is no way to complete the three-year certification requirement in the other program. For additional information regarding alternate route certificate time limits, please refer to the South Carolina Code of Law Title 59 SECTION 26-30 at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c026.php>.

