

TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Health Science Teacher Certification (Initial)

- Meet certification requirements listed in the health professions guide
 - American Heart BLS certification
 - Approved medical certification
 - Appropriate recent work experience requiring your medical certification
- Apply for work-based licensure to the office of certification
- Receive a letter of eligibility from the SCDE Office of Certification
- Sign up for SC DIRECT
- Complete DIRECT within 2 years
- Take the Work Keys Exam before the end of your first year of teaching.
- Maintain active approved medical certification

The links below will help guide you in the process of becoming a certified teacher in South Carolina.

Yes, you must meet certain standards from the beginning.

Such as these:

<https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/career-and-technology-education/programs-and-courses/career-clusters/health-science-education/health-professions-for-health-science-teacher-certification/>

If you meet the requirements in the above document then you would apply to the certification office here:

<https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/cte/apply/>

Should you be vetted by the certification office and confirmed you are a work based certification candidate. You would receive a letter of eligibility.

If you were to receive a letter of eligibility then you are free to be hired by school districts.

Once hired by a school district, then you would sign up for DIRECT training.

<http://www.scdirect.org/>

This is training that you could work on while you are teaching.

The biggest hurdle in the health science area goes back to the requirements in the first document above.

Science Teacher Approval

American Heart BLS

Preferred some medical background experience

Current medical certification a bonus

Medical Terminology college level course success

Anatomy and Physiology college level – two courses with labs.

Currently teaching at the school making a request

At least two years of teaching experience in their certification area

Maintain a BLS certification

Administrators wishing to use science teachers for teaching health science, must contact the Health Science Program Associate with the request. The administrator will provide the candidates resume and college transcript.

Not all science teachers are approved to teach health science, the approval will depend on college courses, medical certifications, work and life experience. All science teachers are required to be American Heart Basic Life Support certified.

If the teacher is approved an electronic formal letter signed by the education associate will be sent to the SCDE Office of Accountability, the administrator, and the health science teacher candidate, if their email address is on file.

All science teachers approved to teach health science are only approved to teach health science in the district requesting the approval.

NC+ All Other Teacher Certification Area Requests

Will need to meet a combination of requirements set forth for Health Science and approved Science teacher certification.

- American Heart BLS

- Approved Medical Certification
- Approved recent medical experience in the last five years
- Currently teaching at the school making a request
- At least two years of teaching experience in their certification area
- Maintain medical and BLS certification

Administrator must email the Health Science Education Associate with your resume, transcript, and any copies of medical certifications.

If the teacher is approved an electronic formal letter signed by the education associate will be sent to the SCDE Office of Accountability, SCDE Office of Certification, the school administrator making the request, and the health science teacher candidate (if their email address is on file).