Postsecondary Educator Licensure

Postsecondary Educator Licensure Overview

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-5-112, educators who have worked as full-time or part-time postsecondary instructors may qualify for the Postsecondary Educator (PSE) license. There are two levels of postsecondary licensure: **Practitioner 3-Year** (initial-level) and **Professional 10-Year**.

Postsecondary Educator Licensure Pathway

Individuals recommended for a postsecondary educator license must meet requirements for the following pathway:

	Practitioner Licensure Pathway
Minimum Education	Bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university
Assessments	Submit qualifying scores on all required assessments as defined in the Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy
Licenses Held	N/A
Recommendation	Three (3) years of qualifying evaluation scores **OR** Letter from direct supervisor or Dean regarding educator performance
Experience	Full-time college instructor for two (2) of the last five (5) years **OR** Part-time college instructor, teaching at least 1 course each semester for three (3) of the last five (5) years
Additional Requirements	The PSE license shall only be issued for teaching assignments in grades nine through twelve (9-12) **AND** The PSE license shall bear an endorsement to teach only in the subject area in which the person taught at the eligible postsecondary institution

Postsecondary Educator Licensure Renewal, Advancement, and Reactivation

Practitioner Postsecondary Educator License Renewal

To renew a practitioner postsecondary license, an educator must earn thirty (30) qualifying professional development points as defined in State Board Educator Licensure Policy 5.502.

If the requirements for renewal are not met prior to the end of the validity period of the practitioner license, the license shall become inactive.

Professional Postsecondary Educator License Renewal

To renew the professional postsecondary license educators must meet the following requirements:

a. Earn sixty (60) professional development points as defined in SBE Educator Licensure Policy 5.502 .

If the educator has not met the requirements for renewal at the end of the validity period of the professional license, then the license shall become inactive.

Advancement

To advance from a practitioner PSE license to a professional PSE license, an educator shall meet the following requirements:

1. Complete three (3) years of qualifying experience as an educator as defined by the Department; and
2. Earn thirty (30) professional development points.

Reactivation

A PSE license may be reactivated by meeting the following requirements:

1. Submit qualifying scores on all State Board-required assessments.