

## **Educator Preparation/Licensure**

City University of Seattle offers a number of educator preparation programs approved by the Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board leading to residency certification (teacher, principal, program administrator, school counselor) or initial certification (superintendent) in the State of Washington.

In addition to meeting all degree requirements, students seeking certification must meet all testing requirements for their specific certification area as required by the Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board. Students will not be recommended for certification until all requirements are met.

### **Teacher**

Students interested in transferring outside of Washington State must successfully complete the program and achieve residency teacher certification in Washington State. The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) <https://www.nasdtc.net/page/Interstate> facilitates the mobility of certificated educators (teacher, administrator or support professional who may be required by the Member Jurisdiction to hold a license) among the states and other jurisdictions that are members of NASDTEC and have signed the agreement.

Although there may be state-specific conditions applicable to individual jurisdictions, the agreement makes it possible for an educator who completed an approved program and who holds a certificate or license in one jurisdiction to earn a certificate or license in another state or jurisdiction provided they meet state-specific conditions. The University has made no determination at this time regarding transfer of licensure to other states, however, the School of Education and Leadership provides support for students who earn their Washington State educator credential and wish to transfer that license to another state.

Please note that CityU also offers online post-licensure Master of Education programs and post-licensure subject endorsement programs for currently Washington licensed individuals who are interested in furthering their professional development and enhancing their credentials. However, since state requirements for adding endorsements vary greatly, CityU does not guarantee that the completion of those programs will result in rank and/or salary endorsements and strongly encourages interested individuals to contact their state licensure board prior to enrolling.

For state licensing board contact information and preliminary guidance on whether your Washington teacher credential meet the NASDTEC requirements of your intended state for licensure, see <https://www.nasdtc.net/page/InterstateAgreements>.

## **School Counselor**

City University of Seattle's Master of Counseling in Professional School Counseling meets the educational requirements for the School Counselor K-12 credential in Washington State. The program is currently in process of seeking final CACREP accreditation. The University has made no determination at this time regarding transfer of licensure to other states. Students who have successfully completed the program and received a residency ESA certification from the State of Washington and are interested in serving as a school counselor outside of Washington State, should contact the appropriate state licensing board for information and preliminary guidance on whether CityU's programs meet the requirements of your intended state for licensure.

Information on state-by-state licensure may be found on the American School Counselor Association website at <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/About-School-Counseling/State-Requirements-Programs/State-Licensure-Requirements>. Contact information for State School Counselor Certification/Licensure Agencies may be found at <https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/licensure-requirements/state-school-counselor-certification-licensure-agencies>.

## **Principal, Program Administrator & Superintendent**

Students interested in transferring outside of Washington State must successfully complete the program and achieve residency principal or program administrator or initial superintendent certification in Washington State. The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) <https://www.nasdtec.net/page/Interstate> facilitates the mobility of certificated educators (teacher, administrator or support professional who may be required by the Member Jurisdiction to hold a license) among the states and other jurisdictions that are members of NASDTEC and have signed the agreement.

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## **Professional Counselor Licensing**

### **Mental Health and Marriage and Family**

Successful completion of the City University of Seattle's Master of Arts in Counseling Program in Mental Health Counseling or Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling, or Addiction Counseling qualify graduates to apply for a Washington State associate license. Graduates are required to complete required supervised experience hours before applying directly to the state to become

Licensed Mental Health (LMHC), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and/or Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP) in the State of Washington.

As of spring 2021, the Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling tracks of the Master of Arts in Counseling program are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The Addictions Counseling track is in process of seeking accreditation.

Licensure requirements for professional counselors vary state by state and may be found on the American Counseling Associations site at <https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/licensure-requirements>.

Contact information for State Professional Counselor Licensure and Certification Boards may be found at <https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/licensure-requirements/state-professional-counselor-licensure-boards>.