

MDE Teaching Time Requirement



Detailed Description

Through the #TEACH program, candidates can receive an Interim Teaching certification (ITC). The ITC is valid for five years. The ITC can be converted to the Michigan Standard certification after the completion of the program and successfully teaching for 3 years full-time or 600 hours part-time. The Michigan Department of Education requires ITC holders to provide verification of teaching for the required teaching time within the validity of their certification.

As the ITC is valid for 5 years, candidates have 5 years to complete either 3 full-time years or 600 part-time hours.

Initial Certification

If an initial Standard certification candidate (i.e., a candidate seeking certification for the first time) is seeking one endorsement area, they must teach within that area for at least three years full-time or 600 part-time hours.

If an initial Standard certification candidate (i.e., a candidate seeking certification for the first time) is seeking multiple endorsements, they must teach for a minimum of 50 hours within each area. The remainder of the teaching time requirement (3 years or 600 hours) can be completed in any of the endorsement areas or any combination of the endorsement areas.

- **Example I:** Candidate is seeking an endorsement in Elementary only.
 - Time Requirement: All three years must be taught in Elementary.
- **Example II:** Candidate is seeking endorsements in Elementary, Spanish and Integrated Science.
 - Time Requirement: Candidates must teach 50 hours in Elementary, 50 hours in Spanish and 50 hours in Integrated Science. The remainder of the teaching time requirement (3 years or 600 hours) can be completed in one of the endorsement areas or any combination of the endorsement areas.

Additional Endorsements

Individuals already holding a Michigan Teaching Certificate and seeking additional endorsement(s) must teach for at least 50 hours in each endorsement area for which an MTTC has been passed. Once the 50-hour requirement(s) are met, the teacher is free to teach in any endorsement area listed on their existing standard or professional certificate, any endorsement area listed on their ITC or any combination thereof. After the completion of the #T.E.A.C.H. program and 3 years of teaching since the issuance of the ITC, the endorsement area(s) can be added to the existing standard or professional certificate.

- **Example I:** Candidate is seeking an additional endorsement in Elementary only.
 - Time Requirement: Must teach for 50 hours in Elementary. After reaching the 50 hours, the teacher is free to teach in the endorsement area(s) listed on their existing standard /professional certificate, the endorsement area listed on their ITC or any combination thereof.
- **Example II:** Candidate is seeking additional endorsements in Elementary, Spanish and Integrated Science.
 - Time Requirement: Candidates must teach 50 hours in Elementary, 50 hours in Spanish and 50 hours in Integrated Science. Once the 50-hour requirements are met, the teacher is free to teach in any endorsement area listed on their existing standard/professional certificate, any endorsement area listed on their ITC or any combination thereof.