

International Exchange and Guest Teacher Pathway to Licensure

The following information is for Wisconsin school districts seeking to participate in [International Teacher Exchange programs or International Guest Teacher Programs](#). These exchange or guest teacher programs provide opportunity for time-limited licensure under the [Guest Teacher License](#). The Guest Teacher License allows eligible educators from other nations to come to the United States to teach in Wisconsin in the area of their teacher preparation. The Guest Teacher License allows the international teacher to serve as a teacher of record and seek a Wisconsin teacher license for up to five years.

Requirements for Wisconsin School Districts

- Research the accreditation and quality of identified international teacher exchange or guest teacher programs
- Work with the sponsoring agency to fulfill program requirements
- Secure the required work VISA in cooperation with the international teacher and the sponsoring agency
- Assist the candidate with the application process for Wisconsin licensure by completing the [Supplemental Form PI-1624-GUEST](#)
- Provide professional learning, mentoring and coaching opportunities to support the visiting educator.

Requirements for International Teachers

- Hold, at a minimum, the equivalent of a U.S. Baccalaureate degree as determined by a foreign credentialing agency recognized by Wisconsin (<http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/pathways/non-us>)
- Have completed the equivalent of an approved teacher preparation program outside the U.S. and are authorized to teach in the country of the teacher exchange.
- Be proficient in English

TO APPLY for a license in this Pathway, an **International teacher applicant** must:

- 1. HOLD** the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelors Degree
- 2. SUBMIT** a foreign credential evaluation confirming:
 - the completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university
 - verification of teacher training program completed
- 3. SUBMIT** documentation of teaching experience from employers; provide English translation copies of these letters
- 4. SUBMIT** a PI-1624-GUEST form completed by the employing school district
- 5. APPLY** for the Guest Teacher License in [ELO using T001-1031 application](#) even if making a second request.

Participants will be entering the U.S. to teach in Wisconsin. Verification of primary citizenship outside the U.S. and the requirements for obtaining appropriate VISAs will rest with the international teacher, the sponsoring organization, and the school district.

A list of Wisconsin recognized foreign credentialing agencies is available at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/pathways/non-us>

While a complete course-by-course credential review is not required for a license in this pathway, applicants who may be considering taking additional coursework in the U.S. during their stay may want to consider a full course-by-course credential

Representative Examples of Teacher Exchange and Guest Teacher Programs in Wisconsin:

| Name of Program | Type of Program | Sponsoring Agency and information about the program |
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| College Board Chinese Guest Teacher Program | Guest Teacher Chinese Teachers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are in the U.S. to work in Wisconsin schools as Chinese teachers Sponsored by College Board, apply directly to College Board to participate One year assignment may be renewed for up to 3 years https://professionals.collegeboard.org/k-12/awards/chinese/guest |
| Embassy of Spain | Guest Teacher Elementary Bilingual Spanish World Lang. Secondary Bilingual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are in the U.S. to work in Wisconsin schools as Elementary bilingual teachers, Spanish world language teachers, and Secondary bilingual teachers Sponsored by Embassy of Spain One year assignment may be renewed up to 3 years Teachers have at least three years of teaching experience in Spain U.S. school districts interview participants in Spain; Participants are hired to work in a U.S. school https://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/en_US/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/ppvv.html |
| Fulbright Teacher Exchange | Teacher Exchange | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A U.S. teacher trades teaching assignments with a teacher from a foreign country Sponsored by Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program One-year exchange http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/ |
| U.S. Department of State- Teachers of Critical Languages Program | Guest Teachers from China, Egypt and Morocco Arabic World Lang. Chinese World Lang. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored by U.S. State Department – Facilitated by American Councils District applications due in January Educators teach for one year https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/teachers-critical-languages-program http://tclprogram.org/ |

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