

West Central Alternative Teacher Licensure (ATL) Program



Welcomes New Teachers!

Quote from a Graduate – Thomas Neil, ATL Class of 2024

"Year two has been exciting and exhilarating for me. I feel like everything I learned in year one has become applicable in year two. ATL has helped me in so many ways, and I feel more confident and more prepared for a career because of it. I feel like the ATL program has provided me with a structure of how to be successful in education. While my college experience helped me understand my content, ATL has been all about application, and that is what has made the difference. Different techniques and examples throughout my program have helped me better understand how to communicate content to my students."

What is West Central ATL?

West Central ATL is a **two-year alternative licensure program** designed to help new teachers succeed in the classroom. You are the teacher of record and earn a teacher's salary with 360 wrap-around support. You'll work with an in-house mentor weekly. You will build an electronic portfolio to house your ATL assignments. Most work is done asynchronously with lots of guidance and feedback. Here is [an overview](#) of our program.

Basic Requirements:

- Full-time teaching position (at least 51% in licensure area). Some exceptions to full-time may apply.
- Statement of Eligibility (SOE) from the State, Praxis Test (or qualifying credits), Fingerprints
- ATL license ideally obtained before teaching begins

Coursework is required in reading based on your **grade level** and **subject area**.

Cost & Financial Assistance

Good News! 🎉

Teachers are covered for the bulk of the **cost of the WCATL program** via a **grant from the State of Colorado**. However, it is first-come, first-served, and no guarantee is given. **The total cost of the program is \$10,950. The ERR grant may cover up to \$9950.**

What You Will Need to Pay For:

- **ATL [License Application](#) Fee:** \$90 (CDE – eligible for grant reimbursement)
 - **[Praxis](#) exam fees** if necessary (each exam is \$130)
 - **[Fingerprints](#):** Approx. \$40
 - **Required Book:** *The Beginning Teacher's Field Guide* by Tina Boogren (~\$30)
 - **Teacher buy-in:** \$500 per year
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Scholarship & Reimbursement Opportunities

💰 CDE [ERR Scholarship](#)

- Covers nearly all program costs and is open to **current teachers**. The application window opens in **July** (Do NOT apply before then!) You must commit to teaching in a **rural CDE-approved school for 3 years** to avoid repayment

🔄 [TEACH Colorado](#) Reimbursement

- **\$100 fee reimbursement** available to cover license fees
 - Must **subscribe to TEACH Colorado** before applying to CDE
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Ready to Begin Your Journey?

Reach out to WCATL Director, Jenny Hart, to get started or learn more!

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