Calvin's Teacher Education Program meets the requirements for a Michigan teaching certificate. Prospective teachers in most states and provinces must earn a Bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate or license.

**State of Michigan**

The candidate who meets Michigan’s requirements receives a Provisional Teaching Certificate which is valid for six years. The state requires a $160 fee to issue the certificate.

The Elementary Certificate qualifies the holder to teach:
- Grades K-5, All Subjects
- Grades 6-8, All Subjects, Self-Contained Classroom
- Grades 6-8, Major(s) and Minor(s) Subject Areas
- Grades K-12 Chinese, Cognitive Impairment, French, and Spanish majors are available to elementary candidates.

The Secondary Certificate qualifies the holder to teach:
- Grades 6-12 or K-12, Major Subject Area
- Grades 6-12, Minor Subject Area

K-12 Art, Music, and Physical Education are available on a secondary certificate only.

After the Provisional Certificate expires, the teacher may renew the Provisional Certificate or apply for the Professional Certificate.

**Other States and Provinces**

If you hope to teach a particular subject in a certain state or province, it is wise to investigate your options early on to determine which majors, minors, and grade levels you should pursue at Calvin. Although the Michigan certificate will transfer to other states, not all states offer certification in the exact same subjects and grade level combinations that Michigan offers. Contact Calvin's Teacher Certification Coordinator or visit the website below for assistance.

Other states and provinces may require:

- Additional tests, such as Praxis Tests
- Copies of your MTTC score reports
- Additional courses (such as a course in the history of the particular state)
- Application fees
- A copy of the Michigan Teaching Certificate
- Official transcripts
- Criminal background checks or fingerprinting
- Validation that the candidate has completed a college program (send verification forms to the Calvin College Certification Coordinator)

Details about teacher certification, including websites for other states and provinces, are available at: [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/cert/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/cert/)

For assistance, contact the Teacher Certification Coordinator at (616) 526-6208 or certification@calvin.edu.