

# **Transform Your Job into a Degree & Teaching Career**

Reach University is our nation's only nonprofit university fully dedicated to advancing on-the-job degrees, known as Apprenticeship Degrees. With Reach, school employees can:

- Earn a bachelor's degree without student loan debt.
- Build an extensive community of teacher mentorship and support.
- Become a more effective paraeducator as you train to become a qualified teacher.

# Your Reach Liberal Studies Teaching Pathway

Reach's on-the-job Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program prepares undergrads to pass Praxis licensure exams and become a classroom-ready teacher. Aspiring teachers who satisfy designated requirements may be eligible to complete their licensure through Reach.

### Step 1: Determine Pathway Based Upon College Credits



Designed for learners with 29 or less nonremedial college units/credits.

#### 8 semesters, 4 phases, Two licensure pathways

Licensure via Reach is contingent on satisfying academic & state requirements, including passing Praxis exams.



Designed for transfers with 30 nonremedial college units/credits.

#### 6 semesters, 3 phases

Culminates in a debt-free B.A. with a route to licensure through an altcert provider following graduation.



Designed for associate degree holders across the arts and sciences.

#### 4 semesters, 2 years

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## Step 2: Start Your Reach Journey to a Debt-Free B.A.

#### Foundational Year

- Blends practical application through job-embedded coursework.
- Coursework: Child development, differentiation in the digital age, and ethical practices in education.
- Develops leadership, critical thinking, literacy, and professional ethics skills.

#### Advanced Year(s)

- Candidates refine their expertise in science and literacy instruction while preparing for corresponding Praxis exams.
- Coursework: Physical science, biology, and evidencebased literacy instruction through a combination of theoretical study and practical placement experience.
- Integrates critical pedagogy with licensure preparation, ensuring readiness for certification.

#### **Intermediate Year**

- Prepares candidates to excel in Praxis II Subject Area Subtests and develop effective instructional strategies.
- Coursework: Historical and mathematical concepts with methods for planning, curriculum design, and reflective practices.
- Equips candidates with the tools to implement best practices in complex educational settings.

### Step 3: Take the Steps to Teaching Licensure

Teaching Licensure through Reach's B.A. in Global Education (BAGE)

\*Only for BLS Y4 candidates <u>who satisfy</u> Reach's academic and Praxis passage reqs

- Enter Reach's Clinical Year (Bachelor of Arts in Global Education)
- Program structure ensures a rigorous, relevant, and mentor-driven Residency experience
- Serve as a Resident Teacher in a grade 1- 5 classroom

### Reach's BLS Degree Holders

\*4-year BLS candidates who<u>donot</u> satisfy Reach's academic and Praxis passage reqs

- Graduate from Reach University
- Begin alt-cert with the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE) or the preferred alt-cert provider of your K-12 school system
- 1 to 1.5 years to Licensure
- Grants and scholarships available for LRCE

Pass Praxis and state requirements, Become a Classroom-Ready & Licensed Teacher!

### Learn more at <u>reach.edu</u> Questions? <u>apply@reach.edu</u>

Reach University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission



# **BAGE Licensure Eligibility Requirements**

### **Candidates are required to:**

Pass 75% of <u>Praxis Content exams</u> by a predetermined date to enter the Clinical Residency. As of 2025, this is <u>March 1st for fall and October</u> <u>1st for spring</u> Clinical Year starts.

### And:

- **Collaborate** with the employing school system to secure an approved clinical site serving students in grades 1-5 (SPED placements do not qualify at this time).
- **Collaborate** with employing school system to identify a credentialed Mentor to support Clinical Resident in the clinical setting.
- Spend 18 hours per week, or the equivalent of 3 full days, at the Clinical Residency site in the clinical setting during the first half of the year-long Clinical Residency.
- Spend 24 hours per week, or the equivalent of 4 full days, at the Clinical Residency site in the clinical setting during the second half of the year-long Clinical Residency.



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