

List of US Teacher Training Programs that could lead to obtaining K-12 Japanese language teaching credentials

*This list was updated in May 2025 by using primarily information available on the internet and by utilizing information made publicly available by state education authorities.

*This list is only intended for providing initial information for individuals seeking teacher training programs to become K-12 Japanese teachers in the US. Please contact the institutions offering the programs, as well as the Department of Education in your state for further and more detailed information.

*K-12 is a broad term that include a range of educational levels including kindergarten, primary education, secondary education, Etc. Please note that some training programs only lead to licensure in a certain education level (7-12, for example) and will not cover licensure for the entire K-12 range.

*For the States that are not represented in this list, please contact the department of education in that state and inquire with the office in charge of teacher credentialing/licensing for information about how to become a K-12 Japanese teacher. Most states will have a way for transferring teaching credentials from a different state. Some states will recognize teacher training programs done in other states as well, provided that the training programs are certified by the department of education of the state that program is in.

*This list is not exhaustive and may not include all programs that currently exist. If you discover any inaccuracies with this list, or discover additional programs that could lead to obtaining K-12 Japanese language teaching credentials in the US, please let us know by contacting the Japan Foundation Los Angeles at jfaeducation@jpf.go.jp

#	State	School	Address	Program	Department	URL
1	CA	California State University, East Bay	25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard Hayward, CA 94542	Credential Single Subject World Languages - Japanese (Online only)	Teacher Education Department	https://www.csueastbay.edu/cssc/prospective-cred-student/single-subject.html
2	CA	California State University, Fullerton	2600 Nutwood Ave, Suite 600-6 Fullerton, CA 92831	Single Subject Teacher Credential Program, World Language - Japanese	College of Education	https://ed.fullerton.edu/SecEd/
3	CA	California State University, Monterey Bay	5108 Fourth Avenue, Marina, CA 93933	Secondary Education Teacher Credential Program, World Languages - Japanese	Department of Education and Leadership	https://csuumb.edu/teach/secondary-education/
4	CA	California State University, Long Beach	1250 Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840	LOTE teaching credential, Single Subject Credential(supports Japanese)	College of Education	https://www.csulb.edu/college-of-education/world-languages-lote
5	CA	San Diego State University	5500 Campanile Drive San Diego, CA 92182 Education/ED-151	Single Subject Bilingual 2042 Credential (Secondary Education 6-12)	Dual Language and English Learner Education Department	https://catalog.sdsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=10&poiid=10345
6	CA	San Francisco State University	1600 Holloway Avenue Burk Hall 501 San Francisco, CA 94132	Single Subject Credential Program, World Languages - Japanese	Graduate College of Education	https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/education/credentials/single-subject/
7	CA	San Jose State University	One Washington Square San Jose, CA 95192	Single Subject Credential Program - Japanese	Teacher Education Department	https://www.sjsu.edu/wll/programs/graduate/teacher-prep.php
8	CO	University of Colorado Boulder	249 UCB Boulder, CO 80309-0249	BA or Post-BA, Teacher Licensure Pathways - World Language (7-12)	School of Education	https://www.colorado.edu/education/academics/teacher-licensure/world-language-7-12
9	CO	University of Northern Colorado Extended Campus	2915 Rocky Mountain Ave, Suite 100 Loveland, CO 80538	Multilingual Education MA - World Language Licensure Program	Extended Campus	https://extended.unco.edu/programs/world-languages-multilingual-education-masters-licensure/
10	HI	University of Hawaii at Manoa	1776 University Ave., Room 226B, Everly Hall, Honolulu, HI 96822	BEd Secondary Education (content area: Japanese, initial teaching license)	College of Education, Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary Program	https://coe.hawaii.edu/secondary/programs/bed/
11	IA	University of Iowa	N259 Lindquist Center Iowa City, IA 52242	BA World Language Education (must major/minor in Japanese BA)	College of Education, Dept. of Teaching and Learning (Foreign Lang & ESL)	https://education.uiowa.edu/academic-programs/multilingual-education
12	IA	University of Iowa	N259 Lindquist Center Iowa City, IA 52242	MAT World Language Education (concent: Japanese)	College of Education, Dept. of Teaching and Learning (Foreign Lang & ESL)	https://education.uiowa.edu/academic-programs/multilingual-education
13	IL	DePaul University	2247 N. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60614	BA (World Language Education with JPN concentration)	College of Education	https://education.depaul.edu/academics/teacher-education/undergraduate/world-language-education-ba-major/
14	IL	DePaul University	2247 N. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60614	MA/MEd (World Language Education with JPN concentration)	College of Education	https://education.depaul.edu/academics/teacher-education/graduate/world-language-ma-med/degree-requirements-ma/Pages/japanese.aspx
15	IL	DePaul University	2247 N. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60614	Initial Teaching License (PEL) with World Language Education Endorsement (For those who already hold a master's degree in Japanese)	College of Education	https://education.depaul.edu/academics/teacher-education-kinesiology-educational-studies/licensure-endorsements/Pages/licensure-world-language-education-endorsement.aspx
16	IL	National Louis University	122 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603	Secondary Education, M.A.T., World Language Concentration (Traditional Program) - Japanese	National College of Education	https://nl.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024-official/undergraduate-and-graduate-catalog/concentrations/secondary-education-concentrations/secondary-education-mat-world-language-concentration-
17	IN	Ball State University	Dept. of Modern Languages and Classics North Quad (NQ) 178 Ball State University Muncie IN 47306	BA or BS (Japanese Education, Program Accredited by CAEP & ACTFL)	Dept. of Modern Languages & Classics and Teachers College	https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/modern-languages-classics/academic-programs/bachelors/teaching-language
18	IN	Indiana University	201 N. Rose Ave., Language Education Dept. 3044, Bloomington IN 47405-1006	B.S.Ed. in World Language - Japanese	School of Education	https://education.indiana.edu/programs/undergraduate/majors/world-languages.html
19	IN	Indiana University	201 N. Rose Ave., Language Education Dept. 3044, Bloomington IN 47405-1006	Secondary Transition to Teaching (Online) Initial Licensure Program	School of Education	https://education.indiana.edu/programs/transition-to-teaching/index.html
20	IN	Purdue University	Beering Hall 100 N. University Street West Lafayette, IN 47907	Japanese and Blended and Online Teaching 5-12 License (Total Credit Hours - 120 must establish proficiency equivalent to Japanese Level IV before taking the major)	College of Education	https://education.purdue.edu/licensure/undergraduate/programs/japanese-education-track/
21	MA	Tufts University	Ballou Hall, first floor Medford, MA 02155	BA in International Literary & Cultural Studies - Japanese (Ask about teaching internship leading to provisional credential)	School of Arts & Sciences, Dep of German, Russian, and Asian Languages & Literatures	https://as.tufts.edu/ilcs/about/japanese
22	MA	Wellesley College	106 Central Street Wellesley, MA 02481	Wellesley Teacher Scholars Program: Teacher Certification/Licensure World language: Japanese, 5-12 4-year Program	Education Studies	https://sites.google.com/wellesley.edu/wellesleyteacherscholars/home
23	MI	Eastern Michigan University	219 Alexander Music Building, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	BA (K-12 Japanese Language and Culture Teaching Major, with Teacher Certification)	College of Arts & Sciences, World Languages Dep, Japanese section	https://catalog.emich.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=41&poiid=17943&returnto=12395
24	MI	Eastern Michigan University	219 Alexander Music Building, Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Graduate Certificate: Japanese Language Teaching	World Languages	https://catalog.emich.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=42&poiid=18354#:-:text=The%20Graduate%20Certificate%20in%20Japanese%20Language%20Teaching%20program,%28JFL%29%20and%20Japanese%20as%20a%20a%20heritage%20language%20%28JHL%29
25	MI	Oakland University	2200 N. Squirrel Road Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401	Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP): Complete BA in Japanese language and literature AND undergrad edu coursework = recommendation for MI certification Also offers Japanese teaching minor	Department of Modern Languages and Literatures; School of Education and Human Services	https://oakland.edu/languages/japanese/

