

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

*This list was updated in December 2024 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,

| # | State | School | Address | Program | Department | URL |
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| 1 | AL | University of Alabama at Birmingham | 1150 10th Ave. S. Birmingham, AL 35233 | Graduate program - English as a Second Language - Dual Certification of ESL and other languages (Japanese) | School of Education and Human Sciences | https://www.uab.edu/education/home/graduate/esl |
| 2 | CA | California State University, East Bay | 25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard I Hayward, CA 94542 | Credential Single Subject World Languages - Japanese (Online only) | Teacher Education Department | https://www.csueastbay.edu/cssc/prospective-credential/single-subject.html |
| 3 | 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/ |
| 4 | 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://csumb.edu/teach/secondary-education/ |
| 5 | CA | California State University, Long Beach | 1250 Bellflower Blivd, 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 |
| 6 | 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&poid=10345 |
| 7 | 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/ |
| 8 | CA | San Jose State University | One Washington Square San José, CA 95192 | Single Subject Credential Program - Japanese | Teacher Education Department | https://www.sjsu.edu/wll/programs/graduate/teacher-prep.php |
| 9 | 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 |
| 10 | 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/ |
| 11 | HI | University of Hawaii at Manoa | 1776 University Ave., Room 226B, Everly Hall, Honolulu, HI 96822 | BEEd Secondary Education (content area: Japanese, initial teaching license) | College of Education, Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary Program | https://coe.hawaii.edu/secondary/programs/bed/ |
| 12 | 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 |
| 13 | 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 |
| 14 | 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-requirements/Pages/japanese-ba.aspx |
| 15 | 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 |
| 16 | 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 |
| 17 | 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-traditional-program/ |
| 18 | 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 |
| 19 | 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 |
| 20 | 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 |
| 21 | 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/ |
| 22 | 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 |
| 23 | 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 |
| 24 | 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&poid=17943&returnto=12395 |

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| 25 | 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&poid=18354#&--text=The%20Graduate%20Certificate%20in%20Japanese%20Language%20Teaching%20program%28JFL%29%20and%20Japanese%20as%20a%20heritage%20language%20%28JHL%29 |
| 26 | 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/ |
| 27 | MI | Michigan State University | 134 Erickson, E. Lansing MI 48824 | BA (Japanese, with Elementary/Secondary Teacher Certification) | College of Arts and Letters, Dep of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages | https://education.msu.edu/teacher-preparation/secondary/program-information/requirements/#teaching-majors-minors |
| 28 | MI | Michigan State University | 134 Erickson, E. Lansing MI 48824 | Elementary Education Teaching Minor Endorsement - Japanese (those already taking a BA in Education at MSU) | College of Arts and Letters, Dep of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages | https://reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/ProgramDetails.aspx?PType=TE&ID=2165 |
| 29 | MN | University of Minnesota | 125 Peik Hall 159 Pillsbury Drive SE Minneapolis, MN 55455 | Multilingual education MEd and teaching license | College of Education and Human Development, Dept of Curriculum and Instruction | https://ci.umn.edu/masters/multilingual-education-med-and-teaching-license |
| 30 | MO | Washington University in St.Louis | 1 Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130 | Subject Certificate - Japanese (K-12) | Dept of Education | https://education.wustl.edu/teacher-certification |
| 31 | NJ | New Jersey City University | 2039 Kennedy Blvd Jersey City, JC 07305 | New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey – Secondary Education, Japanese Endorsement | Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education | https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/graduate-certificates/new-pathways-teaching-new-jersey-nptn-secondary-education |
| 32 | NJ | Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey | 10 Seminary Place New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | Five-Year Program in Foreign Language Education (Certification: Teacher of World Languages [K-12]) | Graduate School of Education | https://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/gse_current/pg178.html |
| 33 | NJ | William Paterson University | 300 Pompton Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470 | Graduate Bilingual/Bicultural Education Certificate (must have initial teacher Certification in New Jersey in a subject other than World Language) | Department of Language, Literature, Culture, and Writing | https://wpunj.edu/cohs/departments/language-literature-culture-and-writing/graduate-programs/bilingual-education-certificate.html |
| 34 | NY | CUNY Queens College | 65-30 Kissena Blvd Flushing NY 11367 | The World Languages Education programs for undergraduates, post-bacs and career changers, MAT in Critical Languages certificate - Japanese | World Languages | https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/sevs/world-languages-education/ |
| 35 | NY | New York University (NYU) | 82 Washington Square East, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10003 | Bachelor of Science (World Language Education, Grades 7 –12, Initial Certification) | Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development | https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/bs-world-language-education-grades-7-12-initial-certification |
| 36 | NY | Stony Brook University | Stony Brook, NY 11794 | Teacher Certification Program (Japanese) | Cross departmental | https://www.stonybrook.edu/comcmms/asianamericann/programs/Program_AsianLang_and_TeacherEduc |
| 37 | OH | Bowling Green State University | Bowling Green, OH 43403 | B.S. Ed. World Language Education - Japanese specialization | College of Education and Human Development | https://www.bgsu.edu/academics/world-language-education.html |
| 38 | OH | Ohio State University | 1945 North High Street Columbus, OH 43210-1172 | World Languages Education, Med | College of Education and Human Ecology | https://ehe.osu.edu/graduate/master-education/world-languages-education-med |
| 39 | OH | University of Findlay | 300 Davis St, Findlay, OH 4584 | Post-Baccalaureate Multi-Age License - Japanese | College of Education | http://www.findlay.edu/education/graduate-programs/Multi-Age-Licensure |
| 40 | OH | University of Mount Union | 1972 Clark Ave Alliance, Ohio 44601 | Multiage Education Minor (Pair with Japanese Major for teaching licensure) | School of Education | https://www.mountunion.edu/academics/undergraduate-degrees/education-%e2%80%93%a0multiage-education |
| 41 | OR | Pacific University | 2043 College Way Forest Grove, Oregon 97116 | Teaching License Program - Subject Endorsement (World languages - Japanese) | College of Education | https://www.pacificu.edu/academics/colleges/college-education/school-learning-teaching/endorsements-specializations-certificates/subject-area-education |
| 42 | OR | Portland State University | 1825 SW Broadway Portland, OR 97201 | Graduate Teacher Education Program (Prior Bachelor's degree in the subject area of Japanese may be required) | College of Education | https://www.pdx.edu/academics/programs/graduate/graduate-teacher-education-program |
| 43 | OR | University of Oregon | 1215 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403-1215 | World Languages Endorsement - Japanese (Applicants have advanced language proficiency in Japanese through experience or undergraduate major in Japanese) | College of Education | https://education.uoregon.edu/uoteach/endorsements/languages |
| 44 | PA | University of Pittsburgh | 5900 Wesley W. Posvar Hall 230 South Bouquet Street Pittsburgh, PA 15260 | BS in Teacher Education: Grades PreK-12 - World and Heritage Language Education (Foreign Languages) - Japanese | School of Education | https://www.education.pitt.edu/program/bachelor-of-science-in-teacher-education/ |
| 45 | PA | Ursinus College | Collegeville, PA 19426-1000 | Teacher Certification Program (Japanese) | Dept of Education | https://www.ursinus.edu/academics/modern-languages/languages/japanese/teaching- |
| 46 | PA | Wilson College | 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201 | PK-12 Foreign Language Intern Pathway - Japanese | | https://www.wilson.edu/pk-12-foreign-language-intern-pathway |
| 47 | TN | Maryville College | 502 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN, 37804 | Minor in Japanese (A licensure to teach Japanese is available with the minor if a student is already acquiring licensure with the student's major. | Department of Education | https://www.maryvillecollege.edu/academics/programs-of-study/foreign-languages/ |
| 48 | UT | Brigham Young University | Brigham Young University Provo, UT 84602 | Japanese teaching minor (Must also have a major in an education field) | Asian & Near Eastern Languages/McKay School of Education | https://asianneareastern.byu.edu/teaching-minor-learning-outcomes |
| 49 | VA | George Mason University | 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 | Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, Concentration in Japanese Foreign Language Education (PK-12 Licensure) | School of Education | https://education.gmu.edu/foreign-language-education/med-japanese-concentration |
| 50 | VA | George Mason University | 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 | Bachelor's to Accelerated Master's Japanese Foreign Language Education Concentration (PK-12 Licensure) | School of Education | https://education.gmu.edu/foreign-language-education/bam-japanese-concentration |
| 51 | VT | Middlebury Language Schools | Sunderland Language Center Middlebury, VT 05753 | Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Licensure | Middlebury School of Japanese | https://www.middlebury.edu/language-schools/how-it-works/programs/MAT |
| 52 | WA | University of Washington | 225 Gowen Hall, Box 353521 Seattle, WA 98195-3521 | Teaching Endorsements (Japanese)[Not certification, but their Masters in Teaching program offers teacher certification] | Dep of Asian Languages and Literature | https://asian.washington.edu/teaching-endorsements |
| 53 | WA | Western Washington University | 516 High St, Bellingham, WA 98225 | Japanese with a Teaching Endorsement, BA (Must also complete teacher preparation program for Teaching Certificate) | Modern and Classical Languages Department | https://www.wvu.edu/majors/japanese |
| 54 | WI | Lawrence University | 711 E. Boldt Way Appleton, WI 54911 | Teacher Certification & Education (World Languages (K-12) - with a major in Japanese) | Dept of Education | https://www.lawrence.edu/academics/study/education/teacher-certification |
| 55 | WI | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Teacher Education Center L139 Education Building 1000 Bascom Mall Madison, WI 53706 | Teacher Certification, World Language Education - Japanese | Teacher Education Center | https://teach.education.wisc.edu/world-languages/ |
| 56 | WI | University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee | 2400 E. Hartford Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211 | PK-12 World Language License - Japanese (BS or Post-baccalaureate) | School of Education | https://uwm.edu/education/academics/world-language-bs/ |
| 57 | WV | Shepherd University | 301 N King St, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 | Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary Education Certification: World Languages - Japanese | School of Education | https://www.shepherd.edu/mat/ |