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*Eastern Panhandle
Instructional Cooperative*

EPIC

*Serving the educational needs
of the entire community*

No Teaching Degree? No Problem!

Alternative Certification Program

What is Alternative Certification?

- Mineral County Schools now offers a State approved program, which applies to both General and Special Education critical needs subject areas. This on-the-job program will take two to three years to complete and offers regular salary benefits

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must possess a minimum of bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with overall GPA of 2.5
- Passed the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills Exams (or meet an allowable exemption)
- Passed the PRAXIS subject matter competency exam required by WVDE for content area for General Education.
- Submit an online professional application to Mineral County Schools and apply for job(s)
- **Be extended an offer of employment with Mineral County Schools**

What is the program of study after becoming an employee?

- Complete orientation session and induction program at EPIC
- Complete iTeach program of study
- Pass the PRAXIS PLT (Principles of Learning & Teaching Test)
- Pass the PRAXIS competency exam required by WVDE in Special Education, if seeking special education licensure
- Receive Superintendent recommendation for initial teacher certificate

How much does it cost?

- Estimated cost range from \$3200-\$3800