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This document is designed to support research into national and state requirements for electronic health record specialists on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

**Educational Preparation:** The CEHR Specialist program at Forsyth Technical Community College prepares students to manage electronic patient data, support health information systems, and assist with compliance under HIPAA and other regulations. Students are trained to sit for the Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist (CEHRS) exam from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

**Certification and Employment:** Most states do not require licensure for EHR specialists. However, national certification like the CEHRS is widely accepted and often preferred by employers. Individuals should research specific employer expectations and data privacy regulations in their state or healthcare system.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

**Disclaimer:** It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Certified Electronic Health Records (CEHR) Specialist are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Certified Electronic Health Records (CEHR) Specialist licensure/certification.

<b>State</b>	<b>Meets State Educational Requirements</b>	<b>Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements</b>
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	