What is Teacher Certification Reciprocity?

Reciprocity typically means some kind of equal exchange but, in the case of teacher licensure, that does not mean teaching licenses are automatically granted from one state to another.

Steps to becoming certified in another state:

1. Earn certification from the state in which you completed your teacher preparation program. For more information about certification please follow this link (insert link to certification information). Gaining certification from the state in which you completed your education degree is the preferred first step to beginning the reciprocity process. While it is possible to seek initial certification from a state other than the one in which you completed your teacher preparation program, the process may be more cumbersome.
2. Determine if you must take additional tests and/or coursework. Some states have state-specific basic skills or content exams which may not be accepted by another state. Other states may require PRAXIS test(s), which would transfer to other states that require the same test(s). Additional coursework may be required to ear licensure in a new state as well. Consult the board or department of education website for the state in which you're seeking certification to determine what requirements you must meet.
3. Complete an application for a teaching certificate in the new state and submit accompanying required documentation. You can find this application on the department of education website.

As soon as you know that you will be seeking reciprocity you should consult that state's licensure requirements by going to their department of education website. Other websites that may be helpful in your quest for reciprocity are included below.

Helpful links:
https://teach.com/become/teaching-credential/state-requirements/
https://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/reciprocity/