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Requirements for the Early Childhood Teacher Certificate Birth to Age 5 (081)

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate upon completion of all of Section A. and a minimum of 9 semester hours from section B. below.

You would be eligible for a transitional endorsement if you are already a teacher and you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required		
Section A:		
1. Bachelor's degree conferred		
2. Mathematics (3)		
3. English (3)		
4. Science (chemistry, physics, geology, earth science, soil science, astronomy, meteorology, oceanography, biology, ecology, botany, zoology, anatomy, physiology, environmental science, entomology, ornithology) (3)		
5. Social studies (geography, history, economics, government, anthropology) (3)		
6. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints		
Section B:		
1. Teaching early childhood special education (3)		
2. Language development and early literacy (3)		
3. Children's literature (3)		
4. Numeracy for the young child (3)		
5. Science for the young child (3)		
6. Child development or developmental psychology (3)		
7. Infant/toddler development (3)		
8. Completed a minimum of six (6) semester hours in at least two of the following areas: creative arts / family studies / observation of the young child / assessment of the young child / social studies for the young child / advanced child development / early learning environments / additional early literacy		
Section C: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRACTICE I		
Reading	Test: #5712	Score 156
Writing	Test: #5722	Score 162
Mathematics	Test: #5732	Score 150
Composite		Score 468
Section D: PRACTICE II		
Education of Young Children	Test Code 0021/5021	Score 166 or Test Code 5024 Score 160
Section E: Principles of Learning and Teaching Level K-6		
PLT Test Code 0621/5621 Score 157 OR		
Successful completion of a state-approved teacher education program		

If this requirements list is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.

Courses must be 100 level or higher from a four-year accredited college offering a bachelor's degree, with the following exception: a maximum of six semester hours of Section A may be met through CLEP Exam(s) with a minimum score of 60 on subject examinations for courses you have not taken through a four-year accredited college. Required semester hours shall consist of non-duplicative coursework: examples: only one English Composition course or only one Algebra I course.

***These credits may be earned through coursework or through completion of an approved in-service program taken since July 1975 and approved by the Maine Department of Education's Certification Office. This requirement may not be met through experience.

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Applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 468 on the three sections of the Core Academic Skills for Educators, with no single score on any section being more than three points lower than the required score above.

Applicants for certificates requiring bachelor's degrees may use passing scores on either the Pre-Professional Skills Test/PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators until 8-31-18. As of 9-1-18, all applicants must meet passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams.

Applicants required to take PLT test 0621 may use either test 0621/5621 or a passing score on test 0521 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0621/5621.