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Requirements for Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement K-8 (282)

You would be eligible for a targeted need certificate if you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement.

You would be eligible for a conditional certificate if you have completed 9 credits of coursework toward this endorsement.

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 professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

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| NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required. | | |
| Section A: | | |
| 1. Bachelor's degree | | |
| 2. Special education (Courses may not include severe, deaf, blind, American Sign Language, or gifted and talented. We will accept one autism course and one applied behavioral analysis course.) (24) | | |
| 3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints | | |
| Section B: | | |
| Student teaching (will be waived upon one school year of successful teaching in Maine under a valid certificate) | | |
| Section C: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I | | |
| Reading | Test: #5712 | Score 156 |
| Writing | Test: #5722 | Score 162 |
| Mathematics | Test: #5732 | Score 150 |
| Composite | | Score 468 |
| Section D: PRAXIS II | | |
| Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications Test Code 5354 Score 151 | | |
| Section E: Principles of Learning and Teaching | | |
| PLT Test Code 5622 Score 160 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.

Special education is considered a shortage (targeted need) area, so the requirements for certification have been lowered to allow for more teachers to be hired.

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.

Fingerprint schedule on web site www.identogo.com

Register at www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements

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 for #282 Teacher of Disabled Students (K-8, 7-12) may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0353 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0354/5354 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0354/5354.

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for Kindergarten to Grade 8 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0522 or PLT Test Code 0622/5622 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0622/5622.

A provisional certificate is issued to an applicant who has met all of the requirements but has not taught for two school years in a Maine school with a Professional Learning Community Support System (PLCSS). Once an applicant has taught for two school years in a Maine school and been recommended for a five-year certificate by the local school district's PLCSS, the full five-year certificate will be issued.

