

# ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT (13013)

## CERTIFICATE (13013)

### Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 12

The English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant Certificate is valid for assignment as a English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant in grades PK - 8 in Rhode Island public schools.

#### **Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification<sup>1</sup>**

To be issued a certificate in English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of ESL Specialist/Consultant Support Professionals or RIDE Credential Review for the preparation of English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant
- Completion of 300 Hour Internship
- Demonstration of meeting the field competencies as prescribed by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Other requirements:
  - Three years of teaching experience
  - Hold a RI Teaching Certificate
  - Met all RI testing requirements for this certification area

#### **Assessment Requirements**

Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, dates and locations

**All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:**

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 146 on the Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages test (5361).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

#### **Current Routes to Certification**

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- **Reciprocity** - Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.
- **RIDE Credential Review** - Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by RIDE Credential Review by presenting evidence of the following:
  - Not less than 24 semester hours of coursework in each of the following areas:
    - Introduction to English Linguistics

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<sup>1</sup> Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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- Curriculum and Methods for ESL Programs
- Second Language Assessments and Evaluation
- Socio-Cultural Foundations of ESL Education
- Second Language Literacy for LEP Learners
- Theories of First and Second Language Acquisition
- The Supervision of ESL Programs
- Identification and Service to Students with Special Needs
- Completion of a 300 hour internship/practicum
- Certified as a RI teacher
- Three years teaching experience
- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Meet all RI assessment requirements

