READING SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT
CERTIFICATE (13011)
Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12

The Reading Specialist/Consultant Certificate is valid for assignment as a Reading Specialist/Consultant in grades PK - 12 in Rhode Island public schools. This certificate is also valid for diagnosis and remediation of reading disability cases, teaching developmental reading at the secondary level, and implementation of reading programs K-12 as consultant to the classroom teacher

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification[1]

To be issued a certificate in Reading 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 or Credential Review Consortium (CRCI) credential review plan for the preparation of Reading Specialist/Consultant Support Professionals
- Completion of 300 Hour Internship
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the International Reading Association (IRA)
- Other requirements:
    - Three years of teaching experience
    - Hold a RI Teaching Certificate
    - Met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area

Assessment Requirements

Go to 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 164 on the Praxis II Reading Specialist test (5301).
- 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:

- **RI Approved Program -** Completion of RI approved program. For more information review the Approved Programs website.
- **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.
- **CRCI -** Completion of CRCI Credential Review plan. For more information review the Credential Review Pathways website.

[1] 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.