

SECONDARY GRADES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (11404) Grades 7 - 12

The Secondary Grades Career and Technical Education Certificate is valid for assignment as a Secondary Grades Career and Technical Education teacher in the specific career and technical education area of certification in grades 7 - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in Secondary Grades Career and Technical Education an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program or RIDE Credential Review for the preparation of Secondary Grades Career and Technical Education Teachers
- Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student Teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field Experience prior to Student Teaching
- Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)
- Other requirements:
 - 5 years of work experience for the specific career and technical area; hold a valid occupational license/certification in the career and technical area issued by the appropriate Rhode Island governing body, if applicable
 - Meet all Rhode Island pedagogy and subject matter testing 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 157 on the Principals of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12 (5624).
- Applicants must take and pass the NOCTI test in the following areas: Administrative Assisting, Advertising and Design, Architectural Drafting, Audio-Visual Communications Technology, Automotive Technician, Building Construction Occupations, Building Trades Maintenance, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, Commercial Foods, Computer Networking Fundamentals, Computer Programming, Computer Technology, Criminal Justice, Diesel Technology, Electrical Construction Technology, Electronics Technology, Graphic Production Technology, Health Assisting, Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Repair, Hospitality Management-Lodging, Industrial Maintenance Mechanics, Logistics, Mechanical Drafting and Design, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Precision Machining, Pre-Engineering/Engineering Technology, Protective Services, Retail Merchandising, Small Engine Technology, Technical Drafting, Web Design, Welding
- 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.

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.

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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:
 - Holds a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
 - 5 years of work experience for the specific career and technical area;
 - Holds a valid occupational license/certification in the career and technical area issued by the appropriate Rhode Island governing body, if applicable
 - Applicants must take and pass the NOCTI test in the following areas: Administrative Assisting , Advertising and Design , Automotive Technician , Building Construction Occupations , Building Trades Maintenance , Carpentry , Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology , Commercial Foods , Computer Technology , Criminal Justice Diesel Technology Electrical Construction Technology General Drafting and Design , Health Assisting , Industrial Maintenance Mechanic , Plumbing , Precision Machining, Small Engine Technology, Technical Drafting, Welding
 - Applicants must achieve a passing score of 157 on the PraxisII Principals of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12 (5624).
 - 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 assessments.
 - Not less than 24 semester hours of coursework to include work in each of the following areas:
 - Foundations of Education
 - Educational Psychology
 - Introduction to the Education of the Exceptional Child
 - Teaching of Reading in the Content Area
 - Career and Technical Education Curriculum(2 course)
 - Career and Technical Education Methods (2 course)
 - 2 years teaching experience in a Career and Technical placement
- **Career and Technical Education Preliminary Certificate**
The Career and Technical Education Preliminary Certificate is issued to individuals who are not eligible for Full Rhode Island Certification in the area of Career and Technical Education, but who have met specified criteria that qualify them to serve as educators while completing all full certification requirements.

I. First Issuance:

Applicants can obtain a three year Career and Technical Education Preliminary certificate by presenting evidence of the following:

- Diploma from a high school by the State Board of Regents for Education or a high school equivalency diploma

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- 5 years of work experience for the specific career and technical area;
- Valid occupational license/certification in the career and technical area issued by the appropriate Rhode Island governing body, if applicable
- Applicants must take and pass the NOCTI test in the following areas: Administrative Assisting, Advertising and Design, Architectural Drafting, Audio-Visual Communications Technology, Automotive Technician, Building Construction Occupations, Building Trades Maintenance, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, Commercial Foods, Computer Networking Fundamentals, Computer Programing, Computer Technology, Criminal Justice, Diesel Technology, Electrical Construction Technology, Electronics Technology, Graphic Production Technology, Health Assisting, Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Repair, Hospitality Management-Lodging, Industrial Maintenance Mechanics, Logistics, Mechanical Drafting and Design, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Precision Machining, Pre-Engineering/Engineering Technology, Protective Services, Retail Merchandising, Small Engine Technology, Technical Drafting, Web Design, Welding
- 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 assessments.

II. Conditions for Renewal:

The Career and Technical Education Preliminary certificate may be renewed only one time, for four years, by presenting evidence of progress in the following:

- Completion college credits in the following content areas while the applicant is matriculating in a bachelor's program, if applicable:
 - Introduction to the Education of the Exceptional Child
 - Teaching of Reading in the Content Area
 - Career and Technical Education Curriculum (1st course)
 - Career and Technical Education Methods (1st course)
 - Foundations of Education
 - Educational Psychology
 - Career and Technical Education Curriculum (2nd course)
 - Career and Technical Education Methods (2nd course)
- Recommendation from the employing agency for renewal based on educator job performance

III. To be issued an Initial Certificate in Secondary Grades Career and Technical Education from a Preliminary certificate, an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution of higher education
- Completion of 24 semester hours of professional education course work as defined in Section I and II above
- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 157 on the Principals of Learning and Teaching Grades 7-12 (5624)
- 2 years teaching experience in a Career and Technical setting