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**Rhode Island Certification Tests and Passing Scores**

*The following certification tests and passing scores are required for Initial Licensure in the state of Rhode Island as of January 1, 2012. Information for each test may be obtained at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). (Information for the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English test may be obtained at [www.versanttest.com](http://www.versanttest.com).)*

Certification Area	Certification Test	Passing Score
<b>Early Childhood Education</b>		
Early Childhood Education	Education of Young Children (0021/5021)	171
	Early Childhood Content Knowledge (0022/5022)	169
	(Elementary Education tests also qualify for Early Childhood Education Certification.)	
Early Childhood Bilingual and Dual Language Education*	Spanish World Language (5195)	168
Early Childhood Special Education	Education of Young Children (0021/5021)	171
	Early Childhood Content Knowledge (0022/5022)	169
<b>Elementary Education</b>		
Elementary Education	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	Elementary Education Content Knowledge (0014/5014)	145
Elementary Bilingual and Dual Language Education*	Spanish World Language (5195)	168
Elementary/Middle Special Education	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	Elementary Education Content Knowledge (0014/5014)	145
<b>Middle Grades Education</b>		
Middle Grades Education – Required for Stand Alone Certificate, All Content Areas (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages)	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	OR Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
Middle Grades English – Elementary Extension and Stand Alone**	Middle School English Language Arts (0049/5049)	162
Middle Grades Mathematics – Elementary Extension and Stand Alone**	Middle School Mathematics (0069)	158
Middle Grades Science – Elementary Extension and Stand Alone**	Middle School Science (0439)	154
Middle Grades Social Studies – Elementary Extension and Stand Alone**	Citizenship Education (0087/5087)	160
Middle Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education*	Spanish World Language (5195)	168

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Certification Area	Certification Test	Passing Score
Middle/Secondary Special Education	Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
<b>Secondary Education</b>		
Secondary Grades – Required For All Content Areas (Agriculture, Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, English, General Science, Mathematics, Physics, Social Studies, World Language)	Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
Secondary Career and Technical Education	Appropriate NOCTI test and passing score	
Secondary Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education*	Spanish World Language (5195)	168
Middle/Secondary Special Education	Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
<b>All Grades Education</b>		
All Grades Education – Required For All Content Areas (Art, Family and Consumer Science, Health, Library Media, Music, Physical Education, Technology Education, Theatre)	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	OR Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education*	Spanish World Language (5195)	168
English as a Second Language Specialist	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	OR Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Visually Impaired	Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (0622/5622)	160
	OR Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 (0624/5624)	157
Special Education – Severe Intellectual Disability	Fundamental Subjects Content Knowledge (0511/5511)	160
<b>English Language Proficiency</b>		
All certificate areas when the prospective educator was prepared for certification at an institution where English was not the language of instruction.	Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English	164

\*Individuals seeking certification in Bilingual and Dual Language Education in a World Language area other than Spanish must demonstrate proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, history, and culture of the target language. This proficiency must be attested to by an official designated by the Commissioner of Education at approved colleges and universities in Rhode Island.

\*\*Individuals seeking certification in Middle Grades Elementary Extension or Stand Alone content areas may meet content knowledge requirements either by providing evidence of 21 credits in the content area and a passing score on the appropriate content test OR provide evidence of 30 credits in the content area.