

# ALL GRADES SPECIAL EDUCATION -SEVERE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CERTIFICATE (11584) Birth - Grade 12

The All Grades Special Education -Severe Intellectual Disability Certificate is valid for assignment as an All Grades Special Education -Severe Intellectual Disability teacher in grades PK- Grade 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

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

To be issued a certificate in All Grades Special Education -Severe Intellectual Disability an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program or Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI) credential review plan for the preparation of All Grades Special Education -Severe Intellectual Disability 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 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- Other requirements:
  - Hold a Rhode Island Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary Content Area Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
  - Meet all Rhode Island pedagogy and subject matter testing requirements for this certificate 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 164 on the Praxis II Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications test (5545).

## 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.
- **CRCI** - Completion of CRCI Credential Review plan. For more information review the [Credential Review Pathways website](#).

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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.