

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (11101) Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 2

The Early Childhood Education Certificate is valid for assignment as an Early Childhood Education teacher in grades PK - 2 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in Early Childhood Education 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 Early Childhood 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 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Other requirements:
 - 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 160 on the Praxis II Education of Young Children (5024) AND a passing score of 156 on the Praxis II Early Childhood: Content Knowledge (5025).
OR
- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 160 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test K-6 (5622) AND passing scores on the Elementary Multiple Subjects Test (5001) which consists of: a passing score of 157 on the Reading and Language Arts-subtest test (5002), a passing score of 157 on the Mathematics - subtest test (5003), a passing score of 155 on the Social Science- subtest test (5004), a passing score of 159 on the Science-subtest test (5005).
- 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

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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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](#).

