

SECONDARY GRADES WORLD LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE Grade 7 - 12

The Secondary Grades World Language Certificate is valid for assignment as a Secondary Grades World Language teacher in grades 7 - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in Secondary Grades World Language an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of Secondary Grades World Language Teacher
- 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 American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Other requirements:
 - Major or Equivalent in a specific World Language or a closely related field

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 Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching - Grades 7-12 (0624/5624) AND for French: a passing score of 162 on the French World Language (5174); For German: a passing score of 163 on the German World Language (5183); For Latin: a passing score of 161 on the Latin (0601); For Spanish: a passing score of 168 on the Spanish World Language (5195) OR For all other languages a passing score of "Advanced Low" on the Oral Proficiency Interview(OPI)
- 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:

- Completion of a RI approved program from Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, University of Rhode Island
- Reciprocity
- Transcript Analysis

Reciprocity Requirements

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.

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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Transcript Analysis Requirements

Applicants who have not completed an approved program or do not meet reciprocity requirements can be certified by Transcript Analysis until December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015 a Credential Review process will replace transcript analysis in areas for which there are no Rhode Island approved preparation programs.

- Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of the following:
 - 6 semester hours of student teaching in a specific World Language and at the appropriate grade level
 - Not less than 18 semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas:
 - Adolescent Psychology
 - Secondary Methods
 - Measurements and Evaluation
 - Identification of and Service to Special Needs Students
 - Teaching of Reading in the Content Area
 - Foundations of Education
 - Not less than 30 semester hours of coursework in a specific World Language in the following areas:
 - Elementary Grammar and Conversation
 - Intermediate Grammar and Conversation
 - Advanced Grammar and Conversation
 - Literature
 - Culture
 - Civilization
 - Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- 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.
- Meet all Rhode Island assessment requirement(s) for this certificate area

NOTE: Certified classical or foreign language teachers, having earned initial certification with 30 credits, are entitled to additional language certification with 24 semester hours of language credit.

A statement showing competency in the classical or foreign language in which an applicant wishes to be certified may be presented to waive certain portions of the academic requirements for certification in the classical or foreign language. This statement, attesting to proficiency in the areas of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and knowledge of the civilization and culture, must be submitted by a qualified official at the preparing institution or an authorized agent of the Board of Regents for Education. The decision to waive a portion of the academic requirements in the classical or foreign language will be made by the Department of Education.

The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved secondary setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years teaching and who seek secondary certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the secondary level. After completing the necessary course work for the secondary certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least three years of teaching experience in the relevant area and at the appropriate grade level. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a five year professional certificate.