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Requirements for the School Counselor Certificate (075)

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of Section A.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree conferred
2. 24 graduate semester hours in school counselor education
3. Enrolled in graduate school counselor education
4. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B:
1. Master's degree from an accredited college or university
2. Formal recommendation for a school counselor certificate from a college or university approved to prepare school counselors
Section C:
Teaching exceptional students in the regular classroom***
Section D: PRAXIS II
Professional School Counselor Test Code 0421/5421 Score 156

If this requirements list is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.

Fingerprint schedule on web site www.identogo.com

Required semester hours shall consist of non-duplicative coursework: examples: only one English Composition course or only one Algebra I course. Courses must be graduate semester hours from a regionally accredited college.

*** These credits may be earned through coursework or through completion of an approved in-service program taken since July 1975 and approved by the Maine Department of Education's Certification Office. This requirement may not be met through experience.

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Register at www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.

Applicants for #075 Guidance Counselor (K-12) may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0420 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0421 until 8-31-17. As of 9-1-17, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0421.

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for Kindergarten to Grade 8 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0522 or PLT Test Code 0622/5622 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0622/5622.

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for grades 7-12 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0524/5524 or PLT Test Code 0624/5624 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0624/5624. This test may be waived upon documentation of completion of a state-approved library/media specialist program.

Applicants for special K-12 certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam may meet a passing score on either the K-8 PLT OR the 7-12 PLT as described above.

A provisional certificate is issued to an applicant who has met all of the requirements but has not taught for two school years in a Maine school with a Professional Learning Community Support System (PLCSS). Once an applicant has taught for two school years in a Maine school and been recommended for a five-year certificate by the local school district's PLCSS, the full five-year certificate will be issued.