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## Requirements for the Science Endorsement 5-8 (340)

**The following chart applies to those applicants already holding a provisional or professional teaching certificate in Maine.**

**You will be eligible for a transitional endorsement if you are already a teacher and you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement under 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.
<b>Section A:</b>
1. A valid provisional or professional Maine teaching certificate with a K-8, K-3, Birth to Age 5, 7-12, or K-12 endorsement
2. Life science from one or more of the following areas: biology, ecology, botany, zoology, anatomy, physiology, environmental science, entomology, ornithology (9)
3. Physical science from one or more of the following areas: chemistry, physics, geology, earth science, soil science, astronomy, meteorology, oceanography (9)
4. Additional life and/or physical science (6)
5. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
<b>Section B: PRAXIS II</b>
Middle Science: CK Test Code 5440 Score 150

**The following chart applies to those applicants who have completed a state-approved teacher education program in middle level education.**

**You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of all 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.
<b>Section A:</b>
Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
Graduated from a program approved for the education of middle level teachers, together with the formal recommendation from the preparing institution for the endorsement being sought
Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
<b>Section B: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I</b>
Reading Test # 5712 Score 156
Writing Test # 5722 Score 162
Mathematics Test # 5732 Score 150
Composite Core Score 468

<b>Section C: PRAXIS II</b>
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**If this evaluation letter is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.**

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Courses must be 100 level or higher from a four-year accredited college offering a bachelor's degree. Required semester hours shall consist of non-duplicative coursework: examples: only one English Composition course or only one Algebra I course.

\*\*\*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.

Applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 468 on the three sections of the Core Academic Skills for Educators, with no single score on any section being more than three points lower than the required score above.

Applicants for certificates requiring bachelor's degrees may use passing scores on either the Pre-Professional Skills Test/PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators until 8-31-18. As of 9-1-18, all applicants must meet passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams.

Applicants for 340 Middle Level Science (5-8) may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0439/5439 or PRAXIS II Test Code 5440.

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.