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Requirements for the Gifted and Talented Endorsement K-12 (690)

You will be eligible for a targeted need certificate if you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement under Section A.2.

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of all of Section A.2.

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 B.

If you complete all requirements (Section A. OR B. and Section C.), 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. Gifted/talented (24)		
3. Teaching exceptional students in the regular classroom (3)***		
4. Student teaching (will be waived upon one school year of successful teaching in Maine under a valid certificate)		
5. Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I		
Reading	Test # 5712	Score 156
Writing	Test # 5722	Score 162
Mathematics	Test # 5732	Score 150
Composite		Score 468
6. PRAXIS II		
Gifted Education	Test Code 5358	Score 157
7. Principles of Learning and Teaching		
K-6 Test Code 0622/5622 Score 160 OR 7-12 Test Code 0624/5624 Score 157 OR Successful completion of a state-approved teacher education program		
Section B:		
1. Holds a valid provisional or professional Maine teaching certificate with a K-3, Birth to Age 5, K-8, 7-12 or K-12 endorsement		
2. Gifted/talented (6)		
3. Additional 6 credits for approved gifted/talented**		
4. Teaching exceptional students in the regular classroom (3)***		
5. PRAXIS II		
Gifted Education	Test Code 5358	Score 157
Section C:		
Criminal history record check approval- based on fingerprints		

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

Gifted and talented is considered a shortage (targeted need) area, so the requirements for certification have been lowered to allow for more teachers to be hired.

Fingerprint schedule on web site www.identogo.com

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.

**May be gifted/talented training/coursework in any of the following: additional semester hours from a four-year accredited college, CEUs issued by a college, in-service clock hours, or clock hours given for institutes/workshops. Note: 1 credit = 1 semester hour = 1.5 CEUs = 15 clock hours

***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 issued a 690 Gifted and Talented (K-12) endorsement on or after 9-1-15 must meet a passing score on Praxis II test code 5358. Applicants who continuously hold a conditional or targeted need certificate or transitional 690 G/T endorsement initially issued prior to 9-1-15 will not need to meet the Praxis II requirement.

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 Secondary Grades 7-12 or Vocational (Career & Technical Education) Grades 9-12 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0524 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.

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.