

May 3, 2016

**SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER 9-12 (865)
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of Section A. 1. and 9 semester hours from Section B.

(Section A. 2. is required prior to issuance of any certificate.)

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

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| Section A | | |
| 1. Eighteen months of paid applied employment (1) in a position that has special education as its primary function, or (2) in a teaching experience in special education, or (3) as an Educational Technician III in special education. The 18 months of employment could be all in one of the above areas or a combination of the above areas. | | |
| 2. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints | | |
| Section B* | | |
| Special education coursework (24 semester hours) (Courses may not include severe, autism, deaf, blind, ASL, or G/T) | | |
| Section C: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRACTICE I | | |
| Reading | Test: #5712 | Score 153 |
| Writing | Test: #5722 | Score 156 |
| Mathematics | Test: #5732 | Score 147 |
| Composite | | Score 456 |
| Section D: PRACTICE II | | |
| Vocational: GK Test Code 5511 Score 150 | | |
| Section E: Principles of Learning and Teaching Level 7-12 | | |
| PLT Test Code 5624 Score 157 | | |

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

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.

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.