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MAINE DEPARTMENT
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Certification Supports

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Teacher of Children With Disabilities

**Birth to School Age 5
282B**

Conditional Certification



If a potential preschool educator already has a 282 for K-8 teaching, then they will have the necessary degree requirements and 9 semester hours of special education coursework to get a conditional 282B as soon as they apply.

Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule;

Completed a minimum of nine semester hours in special education; and

In the first year of employment, be enrolled in a Maine approved program for mentoring teachers under a Conditional Certificate for a special education endorsement.



Ed Tech III Pathway to Conditional Certification

Earned at least a **bachelor's degree** from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule;
Completed a minimum of **three years of experience** as an Educational Technician III with **positive evaluations** from administrator(s);

Employed as a special education classroom teacher and received positive evaluations annually from a school administrator;

Accepted into a post-baccalaureate or graduate program in special education at an accredited university program;
Maintained **good standing** in the program (e.g., grades, cumulative GPA, successful academic progress); and
In the first year of employment, be enrolled in a Maine approved program for mentoring teachers under a Conditional Certificate for a special education endorsement. *Conditional Certification Supports in the SEEDS project*



Chapter 115

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- At least 3 semester hours each in
 - Evaluation & Assessment
 - SDI
 - Reading (including phonemic awareness & phonics)
- At least one course
 - UDL
 - Inclusion/LRE
 - Types of disabilities
 - Program planning
 - Behavior intervention & supports
 - Special Education law
- 3 semester hours in
 - Diversity-centered content related to today's classrooms
 - Human development/child development
- And for 282B
 - 3 semester hours in teaching early childhood special education



Supports for Educators Needing 282 B Certification in Cohort 1

- Reimbursement for certification costs
 - \$100 for conditional license issued
 - \$100 for professional license when requirements met
- Coursework reimbursement above SAU offerings in contracts

Next Steps

- Have educators reach out to Tracy Whitlock at tracy.w.whitlock@maine.gov for assistance
- Educators with 282 licensure should apply for the 282 B conditional as soon as possible





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