

2.3 Endorsement 515: Adapted Physical Education Teacher

A. **Function:** This endorsement on a teacher certificate allows the holder to teach adapted physical education pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

B. **Eligibility:** Applicants shall meet eligibility requirements specified in Part I. In addition, eligibility for this endorsement shall be established by one of three pathways. Individuals who are not eligible through any of these pathways may be eligible for a conditional certificate, in accordance with Section 2.3.B.4, below, and Part I Section 6.6 of this rule.

1. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 1

- (a) ~~Graduated from~~ Successful completion of a Maine program approved for the education of adapted physical education teachers, together with a formal recommendation of the preparing institution; and
- (b) Earned at least bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule.

2. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 2

~~(a) Hold a valid Maine professional teaching certificate with a pre-kindergarten through 12 physical education endorsement~~ Holds a degree in physical education;

(b) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in adapted physical education;

(c) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in assessment of adapted physical education;

~~(a)~~ (d) Completed a supervised practicum of a minimum of three semester hours in adapted physical education;

~~(a)(d)~~ (e) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom,

(f) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in diversity-centered content related to today's school (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods);

(g) Passed basic skills test in reading, writing and mathematics in accordance with State Board of Education Rule Chapter 13, or

achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the certification, or

completed a successful portfolio review demonstrating competency in Maine's Initial Teaching Standards, and,

(h) Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level. This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a conditional certificate in the endorsement area at the specified grade level.

3. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 3

~~(b)~~ (a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule or holds a 510 Physical Education endorsement;

~~(e)~~ (b) Completed a minimum of 12 semester hours from the following: anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, physiology of exercise, motor development, or motor learning;

- ~~(d)~~ (c) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in adapted physical education;
- ~~(e)~~ (d) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in assessment of adapted physical education;
- ~~(f)~~ (e) Completed a supervised practicum of at least three semester hours in adapted physical education;
- ~~(g)~~ (f) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom;

(g) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in diversity-centered content related to today's school (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods); and

(g) (h) Passed basic skills test in reading, writing and mathematics in accordance with ~~Maine Department of Education Regulation~~ State Board of Education Rule Chapter 13, or

achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the certification, or

completed a successful portfolio review demonstrating competency in Maine's Initial Teacher Standards, and

(i) Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level. This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a conditional certificate in the endorsement area at the specified grade level.

4. **Conditional Certificate for this Endorsement**

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

~~(b) Completed a minimum of 12 semester hours from the following: anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, physiology of exercise, motor development, motor learning, adapted physical education, or assessment of adapted physical education~~ three semester hours in adapted physical education,

(c) Completed three semester hours in teaching physical education, and,

(d) Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level. This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a conditional certificate in the endorsement area at the specified grade level; or,

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

(b) Received prior approval through the department and the superintendent to go through an approved portfolio process in accordance with Part I Section 6 of this rule.