



**State of New Hampshire, Department Of Education
Bureau of Credentialing**

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THE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS: ALTERNATIVE 2

Alternative 2 is a process whereby the State of New Hampshire recognizes formal educator training and/or credentialing in other states, countries, or territories of the United States. Alternative 2 is the appropriate route to certification for a candidate who has graduated with a baccalaureate degree or higher from an approved professional educator preparation program outside of New Hampshire or who has at least three years of fulltime regular teaching experience in the past seven years under a valid credential from a jurisdiction other than New Hampshire.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- If you are a graduate of an approved professional educator preparation program in a state or jurisdiction other than New Hampshire and wish to apply for certification under Alternative 2, please submit the following:
 - (1) Completed **Application for Certification**. Candidates are encouraged to utilize the online application process described on our website: <http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/> .
 - (2) An original official transcript bearing the institutional recommendation for educator credentialing or an official transcript plus an official statement from the certification coordinator or education chairperson of the preparing institution attesting to your having completed its approved program.*
 - (3) Scores of all relevant testing (see **Testing Information** on page 2)
 - (4) A **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of **\$130.00**. Payment may be made as part of the online application process, otherwise make check payable to **TREASURER, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**.

- If you possess a valid educator credential based on a baccalaureate or higher degree from a state or jurisdiction other than New Hampshire and have at least three years of fulltime regular teaching experience in the past seven years under such credential, you may meet the experience requirements for an equivalent certificate. To apply for certification through Alternative 2 please submit the following:
 - (1) Completed Application for Certification. Candidates are encouraged to utilize the online application process described on our website: <http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/> .
 - (2) A copy of the valid educator credential* (front and back).
 - (3) Official college transcripts*
 - (4) An original letter of verification from school system(s) where you were employed identifying your major teaching assignment(s).
 - (5) Scores of all relevant testing (see **Testing Information** on page 2)
 - (6) A **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of **\$130.00**. Payment may be made as part of the online application process, otherwise make check payable to **TREASURER, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**.

* Foreign transcripts and credentials may require the candidate to engage a fee-based evaluation service.

Testing information

All educators (teachers, administrators, specialists) seeking initial certification must document basic academic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. In addition, certification in most subject areas* requires the candidate to document content knowledge competency. For all subject areas in which New Hampshire uses a test, competency can be documented by passing the *Praxis II* subject area test or an equivalent test.

For certification in the Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Reading and Writing Teacher, and Reading and Writing Specialist endorsement areas New Hampshire requires a passing score on the *New Hampshire Foundations of Reading* test or an equivalent test.

* **The current list of subject area tests required for New Hampshire educator certification is available at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements>**

PRAXIS test information is available on the Educational Testing Service Website at www.ets.org/praxis/nh or you may call the ETS toll free number 1-800-772-9476.

NH Foundations of Reading test information is available on our dedicated Pearson Education, Inc. website at <http://www.nh.nesinc.com/>

Basic Skills:

- *Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators*; OR
- Other basic academic skills testing comparable to NH requirements; OR
- Performance at or above the fiftieth percentile on a nationally recognized test in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics such as, but not limited to, the SAT, GRE, or ACT;

Content Specific:

- *Praxis II* subject area assessment OR
- Other subject area tests when comparable to NH requirements; AND
- *New Hampshire Foundations of Reading* test or a comparable test for specific endorsement areas.

NOTE: In addition to meeting the Ed 513.01 testing requirements, all other certification requirements must be met before an initial credential will be issued or an endorsement added to an existing credential.

For further information contact:

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