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### ALTERNATIVE 5 PROCESSES FOR CERTIFICATION

To apply for the Alternative 5: Site Based Certification Plan for teacher certification, the candidate submits the following information:

1. An application to pursue Alternative 5 for a specific teacher certification area (i.e. English, Art, etc.)
2. Official college transcript(s) of a conferred Bachelor's Degree (and any other coursework) with embossed seal(s) and registrar signature(s) or an electronic transcript, either to be sent directly from the institution or if paper, released to the student in a sealed envelope. Please note: course descriptions may be requested when the file is reviewed.
3. Passing scores on the Praxis CORE Academic skills test must be received prior to the issuing of the statement of eligibility\*, unless the candidate is already fully certified in NH or another state. The NH Department of Education will also consider tests mandated by other state departments of education or institutes of higher education that are comparable to the Praxis CORE Academic skills test (i.e. SAT/GRE/ACT). Please submit copies of any score reports available for evaluation.
4. \$50.00 review fee **for each subject/endorsement area requested for review.**
5. A statement of eligibility\* may be issued to candidates who possess:
  - a. MIDDLE/SECONDARY EDUCATION: A Bachelor's or Master's Degree with 30 credit hours in the subject to be taught and an overall grade point average of 2.5
  - b. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6): Applicants shall have minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and successfully completed courses in mathematics, English, social studies, and science with an overall grade point average of at least 2.5

\*The statement of eligibility allows a district to hire the individual. The educator, in consultation with a mentor, submits an Individual Professional Development Plan and upon successful evaluation of the plan is issued an INTERN license for up to two years during which the requirements for the certificate are completed.

Please refer to the ETS website for required subject area testing ([www.ets.org/praxis/nh](http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh)) in certain content areas. Praxis II (Subject Assessment Test) testing is to be scheduled within the first year of employment as an Alternative 5 INTERN. Applicants seeking Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Reading and Writing Teacher and/or Specialist will also need passing scores for the Foundations of Reading test ([www.nh.nesinc.com](http://www.nh.nesinc.com)).