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ALTERNATIVE 5 MEMO

A superintendent or agency head may hire a candidate who holds an Alternative 5 Statement of Eligibility (SOE) to fill a position in the endorsement area for which they hold the SOE while they pursue certification. This document is NOT a teaching certificate. Special Education and Career and Technical Education Specialty Areas are excluded from Alternative 5, but may be pursued via Alternative 4.

To determine if the candidate qualifies for a **Statement of Eligibility** via Alternative 5, the Credentialing office must have the following:

- Application. Go to <https://my.doe.nh.gov> to set up an account and apply online. Paper applications are available on our website <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm>
- Official transcript(s) ONLY – conferred Bachelor’s degree or higher, may be sent electronically directly from the college to credentialing.docs@doe.nh.gov or in an unopened envelope sealed by the institution. Please note course descriptions may be requested when file is reviewed.
 - SECONDARY/SUBJECT AREA
 - 30 credit hours in the subject to be taught (overall grade point average of 2.5*)
 - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6/K-8) and EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (N-3)
 - Successfully completed at least one course in each of the following: mathematics, English, social studies, and science (overall grade point average of at least 2.5*)
 - COMPUTER SCIENCE
 - 30 credit hours in the subject to be taught (overall grade point average of 2.5*); **OR**
 - current computer science major assignment during or after the 2014-2015 school year and prior to 6/30/2019, and have applied for a computer science education credential during that time period

*contact the Credentialing office regarding options for overall GPA lower than 2.5
- Praxis Core Academic Skills test (see next page for more information on comparable tests/waivers)
- Processing fee of \$50.00 per endorsement

TESTING INFORMATION

The New Hampshire State Board of Education has chosen *Praxis* Core Academic Skills test as one means of documenting basic academic skills. This requirement must be met before a Statement of Eligibility will be issued. Before a candidate advances from an intern certificate to a beginning or experienced educator credential, relevant *Praxis* Subject Assessment or a comparable test, if applicable, must be passed.

Basic Skills (all initial certifications):

- (1) *Praxis* Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading, Mathematics, and Writing) www.ets.org/praxis/nh/ ; OR
- (2) Other states' basic skills testing for educators; OR
- (3) 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; OR
- (4) Copy of a full educator certification from out of state; OR
- (5) Issued NH Beginning or Experienced Educator certificate with another endorsement on file

Content Specific (where required, to be scheduled within first year of employment):

- (1) *Praxis* Subject Assessment www.ets.org/praxis/nh/ ; **AND**
- (2) *Foundations of Reading* for Elementary Education (K-6/K-8), Early Childhood Education (N-3), Reading and Writing Teacher, and Reading and Writing Specialist endorsements www.nh.nesinc.com ; **OR**
- (3) Other states' subject area test for educators

All comparable testing or certificates used for waiver are subject to evaluation by the Credentialing office.

The SOE allows a district to hire the individual. The educator, in consultation with a mentor, submits an Individual Professional Development Plan and upon DOE approval of the plan is issued an INTERN license for up to two years during which time the requirements for the certification are completed. For more information on this process, see https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/alt45soe_int_pathway.pdf