

# CERTIFICATION ALERT

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## Integrated Early Childhood Cross Endorsements

Effective July 1, 2023, in accordance with [Public Act No. 23-159](#), someone who holds a valid Connecticut teaching certificate may obtain a cross-endorsement for Integrated Early Childhood/Special Ed., Birth-Kindergarten (#112) and/or Integrated Early Childhood/Elementary Ed. N-3 and Special Ed., N-K (#113) endorsements based on meeting coursework and assessment requirements. An institutional recommendation verifying completion of a planned certification program is no longer required, but will still be accepted. NOTE: Coursework may be completed at any regionally accredited college or university at the associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral levels.

### Integrated Early Childhood/Special Ed., Birth–Kindergarten (#112)

**A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit including study in each of the following:**

- typical/atypical development, birth — age 5
- emergent literacy
- integrated early childhood language arts
- program planning and evaluation in young children, including those with special needs
- the role of play in learning environments
- early childhood program models and the role of family
- methods for teaching early childhood students with special needs
- special ed diagnosis at the early childhood level

**AND**

**At least two of the following areas:**

- infant & toddler assessment and development
- infant & toddler program models
- curriculum development for infants and toddlers
- adaptations for infants and toddlers with special needs

**INCLUDING**

**Field experience in Birth-Kindergarten (Choose ONE to complete):**

- 10 school months of service under a DSAP in B-K setting;\* or
- appropriate practicum in integrated B-K setting (min. 6 credits);\*\* or
- 10 months under Birth-to-Three Waiver Authorization or Kindergarten Waiver Authorization\*\*\*



\* If you are employed in a Connecticut public school district and serve successfully under a one-year Durational Shortage Area Permit (DSAP) #112, the field experience is satisfied.

\*\* Practicum means supervised field or clinical training in an educationally suitable placement as determined by an approved institution. Placement in PreK or K must include children with special needs.

\*\*\* Birth-to-Three Waiver Authorization ([Public Act 21-172, Section 15](#))

\*\*\* Kindergarten Waiver Authorization ([Public Act 18-51, Section 6](#))

## Integrated Early Childhood/Elementary Education N-3 and Special Education N-K (#113)

A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit including study in each of the following:

- typical/atypical development, birth — age 8
- emergent literacy
- language arts in the primary grades
- program planning and evaluation in young children, including those with special needs
- the role of play in learning environments
- early childhood program models and the role of family
- methods for teaching early childhood students with special needs
- special ed diagnosis at the early childhood level

AND

At least **two** of the following areas:

- elementary curriculum and methods
- assessment and evaluation in the primary grades
- adapting curriculum for primary grade children with special needs
- other areas of study with an elementary education focus

INCLUDING

Field experience in PreK and/or Kindergarten (Choose ONE to complete)

- 10 school months under a DSAP in PreK/K;\* or
- appropriate practicum in integrated PreK/K (min. 6 credits);\*\* or
- 10 months under Kindergarten Waiver Authorization\*\*\*

AND

Testing

- Pearson Early Childhood test
- Pearson Foundations of Reading test

\* If you are employed in a Connecticut public school district and serve successfully under a one-year Durational Shortage Area Permit (DSAP) #113, the field experience is satisfied.

\*\* Practicum means supervised field or clinical training in an educationally suitable placement as determined by an approved institution. Placements in PreK or K must include children with special needs.

\*\*\* Kindergarten Waiver Authorization ([Public Act 18-51, Section 6](#))

