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Connecticut Educator Certification News from
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CHANGE TO TEST REQUIREMENTS: INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (#113)

On January 7, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted a new test for eligibility for endorsement #113 Integrated Early Childhood Education Grades PK–K, Elementary Education Grades 1–3. The previous Praxis II tests #5021 and #5022 will no longer be required. As of February 1, 2015, The Connecticut Early Childhood Test, administered by Pearson Education, will be required for eligibility for endorsement #113.

Since this is a new test for Connecticut, the Board approved a progression of cut scores. From February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, the minimum required scale score will be 216. As of January 1, 2016, the minimum required scale score will be 240.

Massachusetts (MTEL) Early Childhood Test

The minimum required test score is aligned with the required score on the Massachusetts Early Childhood Test. This means that educators who pass the Massachusetts test will not have to take another test in Connecticut. Their Massachusetts Early Childhood Test will be accepted to meet Connecticut requirements, if their score meets Connecticut minimum score requirements.

Transition Policy

Candidates completing a state-approved educator preparation program and recommended for certification by a Connecticut college or university, who took Praxis II tests #5021 AND #5022 may use those scores in lieu of the new early childhood test for Connecticut certification purposes provided that they complete all testing and program requirements AND apply for certification PRIOR to January 1, 2016.

Educators prepared outside of Connecticut who apply on or after February 1, 2015, will be required to pass the new Connecticut Early Childhood Test.

Information about test requirements is available from the “Guide to Assessments for Educator Certification in Connecticut” at www.ct.gov/sde/certtests.

Questions may be sent to teacher.cert@ct.gov.



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