TO: Individuals Requesting Information Regarding Alternative 4

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Candidates applying for a Statement of Eligibility must hold a conferred Bachelor's degree and have successfully passed Praxis Core* or equivalent testing. (* - Praxis Core replaced the Praxis I test)

- Comprehensive Family & Consumer Science
- Comprehensive Business Education
- Comprehensive Technology Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Education Technology Integrator
- Elementary Math Specialist (K-6)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- General Special Education
- Health Education
- Library Media Specialist
- Mathematics (5-8)
- Mathematics (7-12)
- Music
- Reading & Writing Specialist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Sciences:
  - Chemistry (7-12)
  - Earth/Space Science (7-12)
  - Middle School Science (5-8)
  - Physical Science (7-12)
  - Physics (7-12)
- Special Education Administrator
- Special Education Categorical Areas:
  - Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities *
  - Physical and Health Disabilities *
  - Specific Learning Disabilities *
  - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities *
- Blind and Vision Disabilities
- Deaf and Hearing Disabilities
- World Languages (Classical and Modern)

* These Categorical Areas require certification in General Special Education or Early Childhood Special Education.

School Business Administrator remains available through Alternative 4.

All Career and Technology Specialty areas are available through Alternative 4.

Superintendents or agency heads may hire a candidate who holds a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) to pursue Alternative 4. This document is NOT a teaching certificate. Once a person holding a Statement of Eligibility has been hired, the superintendent's office will enter the employment information on-line in the Educator Information System.

To determine if the candidate qualifies for a **Statement of Eligibility**, the Bureau must have the following information:

1. Application. Go to [https://my.doe.nh.gov](https://my.doe.nh.gov) to set up an account and apply online.
2. Official transcript(s) ONLY – may be sent electronically directly from the college
3. Praxis CORE Academic skills test or equivalent (see p. 2 for more information on equivalent tests)
4. Processing fee of $50.00
5. If applicable, a current work resume – can be sent as PDF email attachment to Credentialing.Docs@doe.nh.gov
6. If applicable, copy of professional/trade license. - can be sent as PDF email attachment to Credentialing.Docs@doe.nh.gov

Please be advised that the requirements listed above are required for ALL AREAS. See following pages for entry level criteria and additional requirements.
Once an individual holding a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) has been employed, the SAU staff will enter the candidate’s employment information into the Educator Information System (EIS). The candidate or SAU staff shall download the plan materials available on the Department of Education website. [http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm). The mentor is assigned by the Superintendent/Agency Head and must be an individual certified in the area of the SOE, and have at least three years P-12 experience in the endorsement area. Upon request the BOC will forward plan materials to any person requesting the documents.

The New Hampshire State Board of Education has chosen Praxis CORE Academic skills test as one means of documenting basic academic skills. [See the Department of Education’s website for testing information.](http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/edtestinginfo.pdf) The basic academic skills requirement needs to be met before a Statement of Eligibility will be issued. Go to: [http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements](http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements)

Before a candidate advances from an intern license to a beginning or experienced educator credential, the subject area assessment requirement, if applicable, must be met. Praxis II, or an equivalent test, is required.

**Testing Information:**

**Effective January 1, 2015** – A Master’s degree will no longer waive the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators OR the Praxis II for content specific areas.

**Basic Skills:**

1. Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading, Mathematics, and Writing);  
   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;

**Content Specific:**

1. Praxis II subject assessment; **AND**
2. Foundations of Reading for Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Reading and Writing Teacher, and Reading and Writing Specialist; **OR**
3. Other states’ subject area test for educators

PRAXIS information is available on the Educational Testing Service Website at [www.ets.org/praxis/nh](http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh) or you may call the ETS toll free number 1-800-772-9476. For information about the Foundations of Reading test: [www.nh.nesinc.com](http://www.nh.nesinc.com).

1. **SPECIFIC requirements for obtaining a Statement of Eligibility by individual endorsement or Content Area:**

**COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:**

- Documentation of one college course and/or employer verified work experience in two of the four program areas:
  1. Human Growth and Development, or Early Childhood, or Parenting;
  2. Family or Interpersonal Relationships;
  3. Consumer and Resource Management;
  4. Foods, Nutrition, or Wellness

**COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS EDUCATION**

- Documentation of passing at least one college course and/or employer verified work experience in at least three of the ten program components.
  1. Accounting;
  2. Management and administration;
  3. Business Communication;
  4. Business Law;
  5. Entrepreneurship;
  6. Financial literacy;
  7. Finance and economic systems;
  8. International business;
  9. Information systems and technology applications;
  10. Marketing;
COMPREHENSIVE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:
- Documentation of passing one college course and/or employer-verified work experience in two of the ten program components:
  1. Medical technologies;
  2. Agricultural technologies;
  3. Biotechnologies;
  4. Energy, power, and transmission technologies;
  5. Information and communications technologies;
  6. Transportation technologies;
  7. Manufacturing technology;
  8. Construction technology;
  9. New and emerging technologies;
  10. Engineering principles and design

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION:
- The candidate must provide documentation of passing two college courses in Special Education and at least one course in Early Childhood Education. Employer-verified evidence of work experience may be substituted for one of the courses in Special Education.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATOR:
- Documentation of passing two post-secondary courses in Information and Communication technology.
- Employer verification of work experience in Information and Communication technology may be substituted for one of the courses.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST (K-6)
- Minimum of a master’s degree in mathematics, education or related field;
- Document a passing score on the Praxis II Middle School Mathematics test or equivalent;
- Provide employer-verification of at least 3 years of classroom teaching of mathematics within grades K-6

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES:
- Documentation of passing one college course in linguistics and one English as a Second Language college course, or two college courses in foreign language; or
- Documentation of competence in reading, writing, and speaking a foreign language

GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION:
- The candidate must provide documentation of passing two college courses in Special Education. Employer verification of work experience in Special Education may substitute for one of the college courses.

HEALTH EDUCATION
- Documentation of passing at least one college course in at least two of the health education program areas:
  1. Substance use and abuse;
  2. Injury and violence prevention safety;
  3. Healthful eating and nutrition concepts;
  4. Family life and healthy relationships;
  5. Comprehensive sexuality education;
  6. Behavioral and emotional health;
  7. Person, community, and consumer health;

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST:
- Documentation of passing two college courses in Library or Information Science or
- Employer verified work experience in a library or educational media center may be substituted for one of the courses

MATHEMATICS - Grades 5-8 (Middle School):
- Documentation of passing at least one college course in calculus or its equivalent

MATHEMATICS - Grades 7-12 (Secondary):
- Documentation of passing at least two college courses in calculus or its equivalent
MUSIC EDUCATION
● Documentation of passing two college courses in Music; or
● Documentation of experience as a musician or other related experiences in music or
● Documentation of fluency in reading music and competence in playing at least one musical instrument

READING AND WRITING SPECIALIST:
● Employer verification of two years of classroom teaching experience while holding a valid educator credential; 
● Coursework in reading instruction and diagnostic assessment of reading problems 
● Completion of Master’s degree by plan completion; 
● Passing score for the NH Foundations of Reading Test;

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST:
● Valid current professional license as a Psychologist, Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) or Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCHMC) or
● Enrolled in a graduate program leading to School Psychology with documentation of passing graduate level college coursework in advanced human development, psychopathology, counseling theory and practice and at least 9 credits in assessing Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders and Specific Learning Disabilities.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER:
● Preparation in social work or related field; 
● Master’s level program in Social Work by plan completion;

SCIENCES 
CHEMISTRY:
● Documentation of passing at least two college courses in chemistry, including a laboratory experience

EARTH SPACE SCIENCE:
● Documentation of passing at least two college courses in earth/space science

MIDDLE LEVEL SCIENCE (5-8):
● Documentation of passing at least one college science course in each of at least two of the middle school science program areas: 
  1. Life sciences 
  2. Earth/Space Sciences 
  3. Physical Sciences

PHYSICAL SCIENCE
● Documentation of passing two college courses in physical science (one chemistry and one physics)

PHYSICS:
● Documentation of passing at least two college courses in physics, including a laboratory experience

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR
● Minimum of a Master’s degree in a Special Education – related field, Education or Administration by completion of plan. 
● At least 3 years of employer verified work experience under a special education related credential.

A CANDIDATE WHO WISHES TO PURSUE A CATEGORICAL AREA ENDORSEMENT IN EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, PHYSICAL AND HEALTH DISABILITIES, OR SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES, MUST FIRST HOLD CERTIFICATION IN GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OR EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION. *

EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES: *
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities

INTELLECTUAL and DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: *
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH DISABILITIES: *
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Physical and Health Disabilities
SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES: *
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Specific Learning Disabilities

BLIND AND VISION DISABILITIES:
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Blind and Vision disabilities

DEAF AND HEARING DISABILITIES:
● Documentation of passing at least one college course specifically in the specialty area of Deaf and Hearing disabilities

WORLD LANGUAGES:
● Documentation of passing at least two college courses in a world language; or
● Documentation of competence in reading, writing, and speaking the language

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:
● Documentation of academic preparation or work experience in budget management, purchasing, inventory, and personnel management

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALTIES, e. g, Animal Science, Auto Mechanics, Building Construction, Biotechnology, Electrician, Cosmetology, Plumbing, Welding (Bachelor degree not always required):

Career and Technology Specialty area candidates should take the Praxis CORE Academic skills test prior to receiving their Statement of Eligibility. If the scores are not passing, the educator will need to address the failed areas of the test in their plan for certification.

● Documentation of bachelor degree or higher in a career and technical education related area or
● Documentation of two (2) years of employer verified work experience in a career and technical area and official transcript if the candidate holds an associate’s degree or higher or
● Documentation of four (4) years of employer verified work experience in a career and technical area and a high school diploma if the candidate does not have a college degree and
● Copy of professional/trade license, if applicable.

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