



ADMINISTRATOR OF CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

The Administrator of Curriculum/Instruction certificate is valid for service as an Administrator of Instruction and/or Curriculum in the public schools of the State of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as an administrator of curriculum/instruction an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. An advanced degree-Doctorate Degree, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, or a Master's Degree to include course work in each of the following areas of study: Learning Theory; Curriculum Theory, Design, and Development; Supervision Theory, Application and Practice; Instructional Theory, Application and Practice; Research and Evaluation Related to Curriculum and Supervision of Instruction.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teaching certificate.
- C. Six years of professional education experience to include at least three years of documented teaching experience.

Individuals who do not renew their CEE or Professional Certificate within six (6) months from the date of expiration may be required to complete additional requirements under new regulations to re-instate the expired certificate.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. Professional certification may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

The Administrator of Special Education certificate is valid for service as a supervisor, director, coordinator, and a principal in a field of special education in the public schools of Rhode Island, as established under rules and regulations of the State Board of Regents.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as an administrator of special education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Master's Degree in Special Education, or a Master's Degree in any field of education with fifteen graduate level credits in special education as part of or beyond the Master's Degree from an accredited or approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island special education teaching certificate, school social worker certificate, speech/language pathologist certificate or school psychologist certificate.
- C. Three (3) years of documented teaching experience in special education.
- D. Nine (9) semester hours of graduate level course work in Educational Administration of Special Education Programs; Supervision of Personnel; and Curriculum Development and Evaluation K-12.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATE

The early childhood teaching certificate is valid for teaching Early Childhood Education in the public schools of Rhode Island. Early Childhood encompasses preschool programs through grade two.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in early childhood education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of early childhood school teachers within the previous one year from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the early childhood grades and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas; Child Growth and Development, Curriculum and Methods in Early Childhood Education, Reading Readiness and Developmental Reading, Health and Nutrition for the Young Child; Child, Family, and Community Relationships; and Identification of and Service to Special Needs Children. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved early childhood setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek early childhood certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the early childhood level. After completing the necessary course work for the early childhood certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least three (3) years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.
- C. Applicants who have not been previously certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of 171 on the Education of Young Children (0021) and 169 on the Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test (0022). The Elementary Content Knowledge Test (0014) with a score of 145 and the Elementary Content Areas Exercises Test (0012) with a score of 148 also meet the test requirement for this area of certification.

II. Professional transitional certificates – valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificates. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificates the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

- B. The professional transitional certificates may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATOR (Birth through Kindergarten)

The early childhood special educator certificate is valid for service as a teacher of children birth through kindergarten who has disabilities (mild, moderate to severe/profound) in the public schools of Rhode Island. This certificate is also valid for service as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) for this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in early childhood special education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island Early Childhood Teacher's certificate.
- C. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of early childhood special education school teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the early childhood grades and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas; Introduction to Exceptional Children; Orientation to Early Childhood Special Education; Behavior Management; Motor, Communication and Cognitive Skills Development; Methods of Supporting and Involving Families with Children Who Have Special Needs; Assessment of Young Children with Disabilities; Curriculum and Methodologies in Early Childhood Special Education; and Medical Aspects of Disabilities. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved early childhood special education setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Special Educator-Early Childhood level certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the special educator-early childhood level. After completing the necessary course work for the Special Educator-Early Childhood Level certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.

Applicants who have not been previously certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of 171 on the Education of Young Children Test (0021) and 169 on the Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test (0022).

The Elementary Education Content Knowledge Test (0014) with a score of 145 and the Elementary Content Area Exercises Test (0012) with a score of 148 also meet the test requirement for this area of certification.

II. Professional transitional certificate – valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE. Upon securing regular employment, the educator must write and get approved a one year Individual Professional Development Plan (I-Plan).

- B. The professional transitional certificate may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

ELEMENTARY TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The elementary teaching certificate is valid for service in grades one through six in the public schools of Rhode Island and where grades seven and eight are organized on the elementary school plan.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in elementary education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of elementary school teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the elementary grades and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas; Child Growth and Development, Methods and Materials of Teaching Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Language Arts in the Elementary Schools, The Arts, Identification and Service to Special Needs Children, and Foundations of Education. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved elementary setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek elementary certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the elementary level. After completing the necessary course work for the elementary certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one year professional transitional certificate.
- C. Applicants who have not been previously certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of 145 on the Elementary Content Knowledge Test and 148 on the Elementary Content Area Exercises Test.

II. Professional Transitional Certificate – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATE

The Elementary Principal certificate is valid for service as a principal or assistant principal in the public elementary schools or middle schools of the state of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years (see note one) until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as an elementary principal an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Master's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island elementary teaching certificate.
- C. Three years documented professional education experience in the elementary/middle grades.
- D. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of elementary school principals within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of having completed not less than twenty-four (24) semester hours of graduate level course work to include work in each of the following areas: School/Community Relations, Elementary Curriculum Development, Organization and Administration of the Elementary School, Supervision of Instruction, Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff, Educational Research, Program Evaluation, Fiscal Planning and Management, School Law (Federal and State Laws and Regulations).

II. **Professional transitional certificate** – valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a five (5) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The professional transitional certificate may be renewed every annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SPECIALIST

The English as a Second Language Specialist certificate is valid for service as an English as a Second Language Specialist (self-contained or resource model program) in all grades (PK-12) of the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years (see note one) until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as an English as a second language specialist an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.

Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of English as a Second Language Specialist within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching as a English as a Second Language and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Human Growth and Development, Identification and Service to Special Needs Students, Introduction to English Linguistics, Theories of First and Secondary Language Acquisition, Curriculum and Methods for ESL Programs, Second Language Assessment and Evaluation, Socio-Cultural Foundations of ESL Education, and Second Language Literacy for LEP Learners. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved English as a second language setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek English as a Second Language certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the English as a second language level. After completing the necessary course work for the English as a Second Language certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional transitional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one year professional transitional certificate.

B. Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching test, K-6 or the Principles of Learning and Teaching test, 7-12 prior to being certified. Only one test is required.

II. **Professional transitional certificate** - valid for one year.

A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

B. The professional transitional certificate may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

READING SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT CERTIFICATE

The Reading Specialist/Consultant certificate is valid for service in the public schools of Rhode Island as follows:

1. Diagnosis and remediation of reading disability cases at the elementary and/or secondary level.
2. Teaching of developmental reading at the secondary level.
3. Implementation of reading programs K-12 as consultant to the classroom teacher.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a reading specialist/consultant an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teacher's certificate.
- C. Master's Degree in reading or completion of twenty-four semester hours of graduate level course work in reading which must include course work in the Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Disability, The Supervision of Reading Programs, Research in Reading, and a minimum of six semester hours in a Reading Clinic or Practicum.
- D. Three years of documented classroom teaching experience.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed-with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

READING SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE

The Reading Supervisor/Director certificate is valid for service as a reading supervisor, director, or coordinator of reading programs in the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a reading supervisor/director an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Eligibility for a Rhode Island professional reading specialist/consultant certificate.
- B. Nine semester hours of graduate level course work in educational administration in the areas of Supervision of Personnel, Educational Program Planning, and Curriculum Development and Evaluation.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one-year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The School Business Administrator certificate is valid for service as an administrator of business and finance and in the public schools as established under rules and regulations of the State Board of Regents.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school business administrator an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. A bachelor degree or an advanced degree in business administration from an accredited or approved institution as defined in these regulations or a bachelor degree in another area with a minimum of 24 credits in business to include at least 9 credits in accounting, 3 credits in finance, 3 credits in management and 9 credits in at least two of the following areas: marketing, law, human resources, school finance, school plant planning or information systems.
- B. Three (3) years of documented professional experience in financial management or in school business operations.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The professional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

EXEMPTION:

Those individuals continually employed as chief school business administrators as of December 31, 2001 are exempted from these regulations. However, those individuals who leave the position of School Business Administrator after December 31, 2001 and then wish to return cannot do so unless they meet current regulations.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CERTIFICATE

The School Counselor certificate is valid for service as a school counselor in grades PK-12 in the public schools of the State of Rhode Island.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school counselor an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. An advanced degree in an approved program in school counseling within 5 years from the date of application or a Master's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution as defined in these regulations and completion of twenty-four (24) semester hours of graduate level coursework in school counseling which must include course work in Introduction to Pupil Personnel Service, Techniques of Counseling, Psychological and Educational Assessment, Vocational and Educational Placement and a minimum of a 3 semester hour internship in school counseling.
- C. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teacher's certificate.
- D. Two years of documented teaching experience at the elementary or secondary level.

II. Professional Transitional Certificate - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SCHOOL NURSE TEACHER

The school nurse teacher certificate is valid for service as a school nurse-teacher and health teacher in grades PK-12 of the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school nurse teacher an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Completion of an approved program designed for the preparation of professional nurses.
- C. Licensed as a professional nurse in Rhode Island.
- D. Three (3) years of documented experience in providing services as a professional nurse.
- E. Twelve (12) semester hours of college credits in the following content areas: Foundations of Education, Educational Psychology, Methods and Materials in Health Education, and Methods and Procedures in School Nursing.
- F. Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching test, K-6 or the Principles of Learning and Teaching test 7-12. Only one test is required.

II. Professional Certificate - valid for one (1) year

- A. The one (1) year professional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. To be issued the one (1) year professional certificate the individual must submit an application for a one (1) year professional certification, the CEE, and documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one (1) year professional certificate can be renewed annually upon the completion of six (6) semester hours of college credits in the following content areas: Introduction to Education of the Exceptional Child, Principals of Program Design in Health Education, Organization and Administration of School Health Programs, and Principles of Guidance.

III. Professional Transitional Certificate - valid for one (1) year.

- A. Completion of twenty-four semester hours of appropriate coursework for school nurse/teacher as previously defined.
- B. Two (2) years of experience as a school nurse/teacher.

Individuals who do not renew their Professional Certificate within six (6) months from the date of expiration may be required to complete additional requirements under new regulations to re-instate the expired certificate.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

The School Psychologist certificate is valid for service as a School Psychologist in grades PK-12 in the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE school psychologist an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. An Advanced Degree in an approved program in School Psychology.
- B. Twelve (12) semester hours of education course work in each of the following content areas: Foundations of Education, Introduction to Education of the Exceptional Child, Curriculum and Instruction, and Reading.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

The School Social Worker certificate is valid for service as a School Social Worker in grades PK-12 in the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school social worker an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. A Master's Degree in Social Work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- C. Licensed as a certified Social Worker by the Rhode Island State Board of Registration for Social Workers.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year*

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

*Continued service as a School Social Worker in the public schools of Rhode Island requires that the individual maintain his/her license as a certified Social Worker as required by the Rhode Island State Board of Registration of Social Workers.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATE

The Secondary Principal certificate is valid for service as a principal or assistant principal in the public secondary schools or middle schools of the state of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a secondary principal an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Master's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island secondary teaching certificate.
- C. Three years documented professional education experience in the middle/secondary grades.
- D. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of secondary school principals within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of having completed not less than twenty-four (24) semester hours of graduate level course work to include work in each of the following areas: School/Community Relations, Secondary Curriculum Development, Organization and Administration of the Secondary School, Supervision of Instruction, Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff, Educational Research, Program Evaluation, Fiscal Planning and Management, School Law (Federal and State Laws and Regulations).

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

*A statement showing competency in the classical or foreign language in which an applicant wishes to be certified may be presented to waive certain portions of the academic requirements for provisional certification in the classical or foreign language. This statement, attesting to proficiency in the areas of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and knowledge of the civilization and culture, must be submitted by a qualified official at the preparing institution or an authorized agent of the Board of Regents for Education. The decision to waive a portion of the academic requirements in the classical or foreign language will be made by the Department of Education.

6. Mathematics.....30

7. Science.....30*

a. General Science.....30

(Must include at least six (6) semester hours each in Biology, Physics, and Chemistry or as otherwise prescribed by law).

b. Biology.....30

c. Chemistry.....30

d. Physics.....30

*Certified science teachers, having earned initial certification with 30 credits, are entitled to additional science certification with 24 semester hours in an area of science.

8. Social Studies.....36*

* The issuance of a social studies certificate requires 24 semester hours in history as required for a history certificate. The social studies certificate is valid for the teaching of history and will be endorsed to teach any academic area in which an individual has completed six (6) semester hours. Academic areas include anthropology, economics, geography, political science, and sociology.

9. Academic Areas not listed above.....18*

*A teaching certificate will be issued in any academic area not listed above provided the candidate has met all requirements listed under parts A and C of Section I and has 18 semester hours of credit in the academic area for which certification is sought.

II. **PROFESSIONAL TRANSITIONAL CERTIFICATE** - valid for one (1) year.

A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

¹Individuals who desire to secure certification in secondary education by means of transcript evaluation will be required to submit evidence that they have completed appropriate academic course work (see Preamble for required course work in each academic area). The Certification Office will publish an updated list annually of academic content areas required for each secondary area of certification. This list of courses will take into consideration the desired distribution and appropriate level of academic course work which must be completed by individuals desiring to teach in the secondary grades.

PREAMBLE

ACADEMIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN SECONDARY SUBJECTS FOR CERTIFICATION BY TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

AGRICULTURE

Within the 36 credits for Agriculture certification, the candidate must have course work in Plant Science, Animal Science, Related Mechanics and Related Economics.

SOCIAL BUSINESS

Within the 36 credits for Social Business certification, the candidate must have course work in Accounting, Marketing, Management, Business Law, Introduction to Computer Science, Word (Document) Processing, and two courses in Typewriting/Keyboarding.

SECRETARIAL BUSINESS

Within the 36 credits for Secretarial Business certification, the candidate must have course work in Accounting, Marketing, Management, Business Law, Introduction to Computer Science, Word (Document) Processing, Abbreviated Writing and Transcription, and two courses in Typewriting/Keyboarding.

ENGLISH

Within the 30 credits for English certification, the candidate must have course work in Composition, American Literature, and English Literature.

HISTORY

Within the 30 credits for History certification, the candidate must have course work in History of Western Civilization, United States History, European History, and a non-western history. Six semester hours may be included in the Social Studies areas (see Social Studies).

FOREIGN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Within the 30 credits for a Foreign Language certification, the candidate must have course work in Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Grammar and Conversation, Literature, Culture and Civilization.

MATHEMATICS

Within the 30 credits for Mathematics certification, the candidate must have course work in the basic math areas of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Math course work in Number Theory, History of Math, Statistics, and two courses in calculus. Course work in basic math areas may not be required for individuals who have completed 30 semester hours in Math with a sequence of higher level course work.

GENERAL SCIENCE

Within the 30 credits for General Science certification, the candidate must have course work in: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics unless otherwise qualified by law.

BIOLOGY

Within the 30 credits for Biology certification, the candidate must have course work in Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Genetics, and Ecology.

CHEMISTRY

Within the 30 credits for Chemistry certification, the candidate must have course work in General Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry.

PHYSICS

Within the 30 credits for Physics certification, the candidate must have course work in General Physics and Modern Physics.

SPECIAL EDUCATOR BLIND/PARTIALLY SIGHTED

The Special Educator-Blind/Partially Sighted certificate is valid for service as a teacher of students who are blind/partially sighted ages birth through twenty-one in the public schools of Rhode Island. This certificate is also valid for services as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) to this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in blind/partially sighted education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary teacher's certificate.
- C. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of Blind/Partially Sighted teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching for the Blind/Partially Sighted and not less than twenty-four (24) semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Introduction to Education of Students who are Blind/Partially Sighted; Psychology of Students who are Blind/Partially Sighted; Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Eye; Assessment for Students who are Blind/Partially Sighted; Curriculum and Methods for Students who are Blind/Partially Sighted; Fundamentals of Reading and Writing Braille; Foundations of Orientation and Mobility; Techniques of Working with the Severe/Multi-Disabled; and Behavior Management. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved blind/partially sighted setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Blind/Partially Sighted certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the blind/partially sighted level. After completing the necessary course work for the Blind/Partially Sighted certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.
- D. Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test, K-6 or 7-12 prior to being certified.

II. Professional Transitional Certificate – valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

B. The professional transitional certificate may be renewed Annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

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Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

SPECIAL EDUCATOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

The Special Educator-Deaf/Hard of Hearing certificate is valid for service as a teacher of students who are deaf/hard of hearing ages birth through twenty-one in the public schools of Rhode Island. This certificate is also valid for services as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) to this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in deaf/hard of hearing education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary Teacher's certificate.
- C. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of Deaf and Hard of Hearing education teachers within the previous one year from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and not less than twenty-four (24) semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Introduction to Education of students who are deaf/hard of hearing; Psychology of students who are deaf/hard of hearing; Speech Science and Audiology; Language for students who are deaf/hard of hearing; Communication for students who are deaf/hard of hearing; Curriculum and Methods for students who are deaf/hard of hearing; and Behavior Management. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved Deaf/Hard of Hearing setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Deaf/Hard of Hearing certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. After completing the necessary course work for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing certification, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.

Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test, K-6 or 7-12 prior to being certified. Only one test is needed.

II. Professional transitional certificate - valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

Upon securing regular employment, the educator must write and get approved a one year Individual Professional Development Plan (I-Plan).

The professional transitional certificate may be renewed Annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010

SPECIAL EDUCATOR - MILD/MODERATE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE LEVEL

The Special Educator-Elementary and Middle Level certificate is valid for service as a teacher of students with mild/moderate disabilities ages 5 through 13 or as a teacher of students with mild/moderate disabilities who are in any class grades K through 8 in the public schools of Rhode Island. This certificate is also valid for service as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) for this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in elementary and middle level special education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island Early Childhood or Elementary Teacher's Certificate.
- C. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of elementary/middle special education school teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the elementary/middle special education grades and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas Introduction to Education of Exceptional Students; Characteristics of Students with Special Needs; Behavior Management; Assessment of Students who have mild/moderate disabilities; Curriculum and Methodologies for students who have mild/moderate disabilities at the elementary and middle levels; Language and Speech Development; Collaboration, Home/School/Community; and Teaching of Reading. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved special education elementary/middle setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Special Education-Elementary/Middle level certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the special education-elementary/middle level. After completing the necessary course work for the Special Education-Elementary/Middle Level certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one year professional transitional certificate.
- D. Applicants who have not been previously certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of 145 on the Elementary Content Knowledge Test and 148 on the Elementary Content Area Exercises Test.

II. Professional transitional certificate – valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The professional transitional certificate may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

SPECIAL EDUCATOR- MILD MODERATE MIDDLE AND SECONDARY LEVEL

The Special Educator-Middle and Secondary Level certificate is valid for service in the public schools of Rhode Island as a teacher of students with mild/moderate disabilities ages 14-21 or as a teacher of students with mild/moderate disabilities who are in any class grades 7 through 12. This certificate is also valid for service as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) for this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in middle and secondary level special education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island Elementary or Secondary Teacher's certificate.
- C. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of middle/secondary special education school teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in the middle/secondary special education grades and not less than twenty-four semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Introduction to Education of Exceptional Students; Characteristics of Students with Special Needs; Behavior Management; Assessment of students who have mild/moderate disabilities; Curriculum and Methodologies for students who have mild/moderate disabilities at the middle and secondary level; Language and Speech Development; Vocational Programming; Collaboration, Home/School/Community; and Teaching of Reading. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved special educator-middle/secondary setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Special Educator-Middle/Secondary Level certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the special educator-middle/secondary level. After completing the necessary course work for the Special Educator-Middle/Secondary Level certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one year professional transitional certificate.
- D. Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test, 7-12 prior to being certified.

II. Professional Transitional Certificate - valid for one (1) years

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed -with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SPECIAL EDUCATOR OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE SEVERE/PROFOUND DISABILITIES

The Special Educator-Severe/Profound certificate is valid for service in the public schools of Rhode Island as a teacher of students with severe/profound disabilities age 3 through 21 or as a teacher of students with severe/profound disabilities who are in any grade Pre-K through 12 whose educational program is focused primarily on mobility, communication, and functional daily living skills. This certificate is also valid for service as a diagnostic prescriptive teacher (DPT) for this population.

I. Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE) – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in special education-severe/profound education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of teachers of students with severe/profound disabilities within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of three hundred (300) clock hours** of student teaching in the special-education-severe/profound grades and not less than thirty-nine (39) semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas: Introduction to Education of Exceptional Students; Characteristics of Students with Special Needs; Organization of Programs for students with severe or profound disabilities; Observation, Assessment and Interpretation of Life Patterns; Applications of Child Development with Emphasis on Mobility, Communication and Interaction; Curriculum and Methodologies for young students with severe or profound disabilities (3-12); Curriculum and Methodologies for adolescents and young adults with severe or profound disabilities (13-21+); Adaptations, Instructional Methodology, and Technology for students with Physical Impairments and Sensory Impairments; Parents and surrogates with Emphasis on Roles and Relationships; and Behavior Management; Foundations of Education, Teaching Reading in the Elementary Grades; Teaching Language Arts in the Elementary Grades, and Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved severe/profound setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek Special Educator-Severe/Profound certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the severe/profound level. After completing the necessary course work for the Special Educator-Severe/Profound certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.

**At least two hundred of these hours must be with students who have severe and/or profound disabilities and at least one hundred hours must be with children who have physical and/or sensory impairments.

- C. Applicants who have not been previously certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of 160 on the Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge Test (0511).

II. Professional Transitional Certificate – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.

- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS CERTIFICATE

The special subjects certificate is valid for teaching the special subject(s) field listed below in grades PK-12 of the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in special subjects education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations
- B. Graduate of an approved program for the preparation of special subjects teachers within the previous five (5) years from the date of application. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of six (6) semester hours of student teaching in both the elementary and secondary grades and not less than eighteen (18) semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas; Human Growth and Development; Foundations of Education; Methodology (must include at least one course in the Special Subjects field); Measurement and Evaluation; Identification of and Service to Special Needs Students; and the Teaching of Reading in the Content Area. The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved special subjects setting. Certified teachers who have had two or more years of teaching experience and who seek special subjects certification may fulfill the student teaching requirement by completing a one-year supervised internship at the special subjects level. After completing the necessary course work for the special subjects certificate, and arranging through the local community for a one-year internship, the Superintendent of Schools may request the issuance of a one-year professional certificate. The Department of Education must approve the internship in advance and the supervisor must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Upon successful completion of the internship, the individual will be issued a one (1) year professional transitional certificate.
- C. Applicants who have not previously been certified in the State of Rhode Island must achieve a score of at least 167 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching test, K-6 or the Principles of Learning and Teaching test 7-12. Only one test is required.

D. Academic Requirements:¹

	Semester Hours
1. Art.....	36
2. Dance.....	24
3. Health.....	24
4. Physical Education.....	24
5. Home Economics.....	36
6. Technology Education.....	36
7. Library/Media.....	36
8. Music.....	36
9. Theatre.....	24
10. Special Subject Areas not listed above.....	18*

*A teaching certificate will be issued in any special subject field not listed above provided the candidate has met all requirements listed under Parts A, B and C of Section I and has 18 semester hours of credit in the special subject field for which certification is sought.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

Individuals who desire to secure certification in special subjects education by means of transcript evaluation will be required to submit evidence that they have completed appropriate academic course work (see Preamble for required course work in each academic area). The Certification Office will publish an updated list annually of academic content areas required for each special subjects area of certification. This list of courses will take into consideration the desired distribution and appropriate level of academic course work which must be completed by individuals desiring to teach in the special subject grades.

PREAMBLE

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPECIAL SUBJECT FIELDS

FOR CERTIFICATION BY TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

ART

Within the 36 credits for Art certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: two courses in art history and studio course work in at least seven of the following nine areas: Drawing, Painting, Design, Ceramics, Sculpture, Printmaking, Crafts, Photography, and Metals.

DANCE

Within the 24 credits for Dance certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: the various types of Dance including ballet, ballroom, ethnic, folk, jazz, and modern; dance History; Dance Production/Stagecraft; Choreography and Improvisation; and Human Anatomy.

HEALTH

Within the 24 credits for Health certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: Human Physiology and Anatomy, Microbiology, Genetics, Personal Health, Substance Use and Abuse, First Aid, CPR, Consumer Health, Nutrition, Mental Health, Physical Fitness, Human Sexuality, Ecology, Community Health, and Social Health.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Within the 24 credits for Physical Education, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas; Human Anatomy, Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries, Physical Training, Team Sports, Individual Sports, Aquatics, Kinesiology, Physiology of Exercise, Adaptive Physical Education, CPR, First Aid, Elementary School Games and Procedures, and Dance.

HOME ECONOMICS

Within the 36 credits for Home Economics, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: Family Interaction, Clothing and Textiles, Consumer Economics, Foods and Nutrition, Home Management, and Community Relations.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Within the 36 credits for Technology Education certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: Graphic Arts Technology, Construction Technology, Electronic Communications, Energy & Transportation, Technical & Computerized Drafting, Materials Processing and Computer Assisted Drafting and Design.

LIBRARY/MEDIA

Within the 36 credits for Library/Media certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: Introduction to Libraries, Library Administration, Selection and Organization of Library Materials/Equipment (cataloging and classification), Production of Media, Reference Materials, School Library/Media Center, Multi-Media in the Library, and Computer Literacy.

MUSIC

Within the 36 credits for Music certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: Music Theory (Harmony, Sight-singing, Dictation, Counterpoint), Applied Music, Large Ensemble, Conducting, History of Music, and Music Composition.

THEATRE

Within the 24 credits for Theatre certification, the candidate must have courses to include work in each of the following content areas: History of the Theatre; theatrical Production; Basic Acting Skills and Techniques; Technical Aspects of Theatre such as scenery, lights, makeup, sound, properties, costume, and special effects; and Creative Drama or Children's Theatre.

SPECIAL SUBJECT SUPERVISOR'S CERTIFICATE

The Special Subject Supervisor certificate is valid for service as a teacher and supervisor for the endorsed special subject field in the public schools of Rhode Island. Special subjects are: Art, Dance, Health, Physical Education, Home Economics, Technology Education, Library/Media, Music and Theatre.

- I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.
The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a special subjects supervisor an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:
 - A. Master's Degree, or thirty-six semester hours of approved study beyond a Bachelor's Degree from an approved institution as defined in these regulations.
 - B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island teacher's certificate in the special subject field.
 - C. Fifteen semester hours of courses approved for administrative and supervisory service, including one or more courses in the supervision of instruction in the special subject field.
 - D. Three years of documented teaching experience in the special subject field.
- II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.
 - A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
 - B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

The Speech/Language Pathologist certificate is valid for service as a speech/language pathologist in the public schools of Rhode Island.*

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a speech/language pathologist an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. An Advanced Degree in Speech/Language Pathology from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education, as defined in these regulations.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

*The person holding this certificate meets requirements for a Speech/Language Pathologist as defined in the Regulations of the Board of Regents Governing the Special Education of Handicapped Children.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CERTIFICATE

The Superintendent certificate is valid for service as a Superintendent of Schools or Assistant Superintendent of schools in the public schools of the State of Rhode Island.

- I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.
The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a superintendent an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:
 - A. An advanced degree - Doctorate, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, or a Master's Degree. All applicants shall present evidence of having completed not less than thirty-six semester hours of graduate level course work to include work in each of the following areas: School/Community Relations, Curriculum Construction, Organization and Administration of Schools, Supervision of Instruction, Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff, Educational Research, Program Evaluation, School Plant Planning, and School Finance.
 - B. Eligibility for Rhode Island teacher's certificate.
 - C. Eight years of documented educational experience to include both teaching and administration.

- II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** – valid for one (1) year.
 - A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
 - B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS CERTIFICATE

The Supervisor of School Counselors certificate is valid for service as a supervisor of school counseling programs for grades PK-12 in the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a supervisor of school counselors an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Master's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island school counselor's certificate.
- C. Three years of documented experience as a school counselor.
- D. Nine (9) semester hours of graduate level course work in educational administration in the areas of Administration and Organization of Counseling Programs; Supervision of Personnel; and Curriculum Development and Evaluation.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The vocational education teacher certificate is valid for service in the secondary grades in the public schools of Rhode Island as a vocational education teacher in the vocational field as established by the appropriate work experience and written and practical exam. This certificate does not apply to teachers who teach in vocational settings and are covered by separate certification. (E.G., Business Education, Home Economics, and agriculture).

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE in vocational education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Diploma from a high school approved by the State Board of Regents for Education or a high school equivalency diploma.
- B. Appropriate work experience as recommended by the Rhode Island Vocational Credentials Review Committee*
- C. Written and practical exam administered by the Rhode Island Vocational Credentials Review Committee*
- D. Twelve semester hours of the following professional education courses which are designed for the preparation of vocational education teachers (Six of the twelve semester hours must be in the area of vocational methods and curriculum): Methods and Curriculum in Teaching of Vocational Subjects; Educational Psychology; History, Social, or Philosophical Foundations of Education and/or Principles of Education.

II. **Professional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. The one (1) year professional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. To be issued the one (1) year professional certificate the individual must submit an application for a one (1) professional certificate, the CEE, and documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one (1) year professional certificate can be renewed annually upon the completion of six (6) semester hours of college credits while matriculating in a bachelor's degree program, if applicable. Individuals who hold a bachelor's degree must complete an additional twelve semester hours of college credits, six (6) credits annually, in professional education course work for vocational educators. At least six (6) of the twelve (12) credits must be in the area of Methods and Curriculum in the Teaching of Vocational Education and the remaining six (6) credits can be in Educational Psychology, Historical, social or Philosophical Foundations of Education and /or Principles of Education.

III. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year.

- A. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited or approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Twenty-four semester hours of professional education course work as defined in Section I & II above.

Individuals who do not renew their Professional Certificate within six (6) months from the date of expiration may be required to complete additional requirements under new regulations to re-instate the expired certificate.

VOCATIONAL CREDENTIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Appropriate work experience is defined as the length of an approved apprenticeship program plus one year's of trade experience or other such work experience, generally five (5) years, as recommended by the Rhode Island Vocational Credentials Review Committee. The National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) provides the written and practical exam required for vocational certification as recommended by the Rhode Island Vocational Credentials Review Committee. When no exam is available for a vocational field the written and practical exam is waived. Individuals holding specific licenses in an occupational field such as a Master's Electrician License are not required to complete the written and practical. Individuals applying for vocational certification who hold a professional recognized license should inquire as to the need for the written and practical exam.

The purpose of the Rhode Island Vocational Credentials Review Committee is to provide technical assistance in an advisory capacity to the Department of Education in the certification of vocational educators. This committee consists of seven (7) members – one member representing the Department of Education, one member representing institutions of higher education in Rhode Island preparing vocational educators, one member representing vocational teachers, one member representing labor, one member representing business and industry, and one member representing the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association, and one member representing the Association of Area Vocational Schools Coordinators. Members of the Vocational Credentials Review Committee are appointed by the Commissioner of Education and serve at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Vocational Credentials Review Committee provides technical assistance and advice, when necessary, to the certification office in the following areas:

- Appropriate work experience for vocational certification
- Appropriate written and practical exam for vocational certification
- Appropriate workshops and/or trade seminars for the purpose of coordinating the granting of college credits for these experiences
- Appropriate waiver of written and practical exam when an exam for the occupational area has not been developed.

Teachers holding vocational certification prior to October 1, 1981 are exempt from the requirement of a written and practical exam unless they seek certification in another vocational field.

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