

# Language Credentialing

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## Initial Educator Certificate (CT)

### Description

The three-year Initial Educator Certificate is the first level of certification. This certificate is issued to applicants who meet all eligibility requirements, and who have fewer than three full school years of appropriate successful teaching experience in the past 10 years.

Certificate Valid for 3 Years

Employment: Not Required

### Reciprocity

**The following states may accept this route:**

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

### State Information

State: Connecticut

Contact Phone: 860-713-6969

Contact Email: [teacher.cert@gov](mailto:teacher.cert@gov)

For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&Q=321230>

### Minimum Academic Background

**In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.**

The following is required for this route:

BA Degree + Enrolled in State Approved Teacher Education Program

BA Degree + Completed State Approved Teacher Education Program

### Basic Skills

**In most states, teachers must verify basic skills in English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.**

The following is required for this route:

**English:**

Exam(s): Praxis Waiver Available. See Notes.

- [Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading and Writing](#)
- [Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test \(PPST\)](#)

**Math:**

Exam(s): Praxis Waiver Available. See Notes.

- [Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Mathematics](#)
- [Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test \(PPST\)](#)

### Notes

In lieu of a teacher program, applicant may complete at least 20 months of teaching or service in the same public or non-public school under a valid certificate and meet all course requirements. Praxis I PPST will be accepted until 8/31/2019 (if passed 1/02 - 8/14) By 9/1/16 all three subtests of Praxis Core MUST be passed from one test type, either PPST or Core, but not a mix of the two. Praxis I Waiver - Applicants may waive Basic Skills tests if they meet score requirements on either: SAT (<http://sat.collegeboard.org/>) ACT (<http://www.actstudent.org/>) GRE (<http://www.ets.org/gre/>) PAA - ESLA/TOEFL See the document "Guide to Assessments for Educator Certification in Connecticut" under <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321216>

### Teacher Preparation

**In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.**

The following is required for this route:  
State Approved Teacher Education Program

### **Content Language and English Language Proficiency**

**In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.**

The following is required for this route:

#### **Content Language Proficiency:**

#### **Exam(s):**

- **ACTFL OPI, WPT**

Arabic, Chinese-Cantonese, Chinese-Mandarin, English, French, German, Greek (Modern), Haitian Creole, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese

Accept Scores from Out of State

#### **Notes:**

ACTFL Score - Intermediate High. An Excellence Score of Advanced Mid may be used to replace subject area coursework. Applicant who completed an out-of-state teacher program and/or teaching experience may be eligible for 1 year deferral of testing requirements. Applicants may be exempt from ACTFL OPI WPT, if they meet the following criteria: 1. Hold a valid certificate in another state that is equivalent to at least a CT Initial Educator Cert. AND have one of the following: - 3 years experience in the same state (in the same approved nonpublic school or public school system) in the past 10 years OR - MA degree.

### **Applying to the State**

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

#### **Application Submission: Individual**

Online at: <http://sdeportal.ct.gov/cecscreateuser/default.aspx>

Form at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321868>

Form Mailing Address:

Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification P.O. Box 150471 – Room 243 Hartford, CT 06115-0471

#### **Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required**

#### **Copy of International Records: Required**

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL: [http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp\\_agency\\_accepted\\_by\\_states=connecticut](http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=connecticut)

#### **Background Check**

Required

#### **Renewal: Renewable**

The Initial Educator Certificate may be renewed up to 5 times. See "Maintaining Connecticut Educator Certification" in <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&Q=321230>

#### **Notes:**

Use Forms ED 170, ED 125 and/or ED 126 and turn in together \$200 fee in form of a money order, cashier's check or certified bank check payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut". \$100 for each additional endorsement.

After 10 months with an Initial Educator Certificate, one can apply for a Provisional Educator Certificate. Initial Educator Certificate may be renewed up to 5 times.

**GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE**

Official transcripts must document all course work completed. Official transcripts must include the embossed or colored seal of the issuing college or university. Statement of Preparing Higher Education Institution must include the embossed or colored seal of the college or university and the signature of the certification officer or dean of the preparation program at the institution where the applicant was prepared. Statement of Professional Experience must verify the completion of appropriate experience/service in Connecticut public or approved nonpublic schools, or out-of-state public or approved nonpublic schools, if applicable. Applicants must have less than 3 years teaching experience in the last 10 years.