

RHODE ISLAND TEACHER CERTIFICATE PROCESS

COMPLETE RWU EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of a full year residency (practicum and student teaching) activities. A minimum number of clinical experiences logged (e.g., 45 hours during each pre-practicum semester (2nd and 3rd years)) prior to year-long senior residency is also required.
- Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association and be recommended for licensure at the completion of your student teaching semester
- Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student and professional standards, dispositions, and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction as evidenced in all field work outcomes and Program Performance Assessments on Taskstream.

STUDENT TEACHING PERMIT

Prior to student teaching, you will complete a student teaching permit application from the Field Office. Once the application process is complete, you will receive [instructions](#) to complete a RIDemap account with a certification ID and permit. This account will be used to apply for teacher certification to pursue an educator license in Rhode Island.

If you are seeking licensure in another state, you may begin your search [here](#), review the RWU Certification Handbook provided, or visit the official state education website for the most updated process.

PASS PRAXIS II ASSESSMENT TESTS

- Go to www.ets.org for test registration, date, and location
- **ELEMENTARY:**
 - Elementary Multiple Subjects Tests (5001) which includes all subtests:
 - Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) with a score of 157
 - Mathematics Subtest (5003) with a score of 157
 - Social Science Subtest (5004) with a score of 155
 - Science Subtest (5006) with a score of 159
- **SECONDARY:**
 - One of the applicable content area subject test listed below:
 - Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a score of 154
 - Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5246) with a score of 146
 - English Language Arts Content and Analysis (5039) with a score of 168
 - General Science: Content Knowledge (5436) with a score of 141
 - Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) with a score of 160
 - Physics: Content Knowledge (5266) with a score of 145
 - Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081) with a score of 162

NOTE: Educators who hold a secondary science content certificate (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or General Science) may apply for an additional secondary science content certificate by providing evidence of 24 credits and meeting RI test requirements in the science content area.

- SECONDARY Foreign Language (only):
 - English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) with a score of 155;
- AND applicable language test listed below:
- Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665) with a score of 164
 - French World Language (5174) with a score of 162
 - German World Language (5183) with a score of 163
 - Latin (5601) with a score of 161
 - Spanish World Language (5195) with a score of 168
 - OR for all other languages: Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a score of Advanced Low

NOTE: Effective June 1, 2025, addition of the Foundations of Reading Test (190 /Pearson) with a cut score of 240 will be required for RI initial educator certification in areas that mandate proficiency in accordance with the [Right to Read Act](#). Effective June 1, 2022, for Rhode Island licensure, pedagogy tests or Principles of Learning & Teaching (PLT) have been eliminated. It is the responsibility of the candidate and program completor to pursue and take PLT, if it is required for licensure in another state(s) that they intend to teach in.

REQUEST OFFICIAL RWU TRANSCRIPTS

- Verify all grades and any degrees awarded are posted on your unofficial transcript tab on [Roger Central](#) before ordering your official transcript
- Order your [official transcripts online](#) (no photocopies are permitted for certificate application)
- Questions about ordering transcripts should be sent to Registrar@rwu.edu

COMPLETE RI EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

- [Apply online](#) for your RI Educator Certification
 - Social Security Number is required
 - Upload Assessment Test (Praxis II) scores
 - Upload Official Transcripts
 - Pay applicable fee
 - Individuals may request new certificate at any time
- NOTE: Once your certificate is processed, a license number may be issued to you and requested on secure sites, such as SchoolSpring
- Program verification requests can be emailed to Lori Medeiros at lmedeiros@rwu.edu
 - Additional state certification guidance can be found [here](#)

RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION UPDATE:

- Candidates who have already taken and passed required RI tests for certification will be eligible for a full initial certificate (RIDE, 2020)
- For more information visit the RI Department of Education website at <https://www.ride.ri.gov/teachersadministrators/educatorcertification.aspx>