

Language Credentialing

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Durational Shortage Area Permit (DSAP) (CT)

Description

The DSAP is issued once a superintendent of a Connecticut school district submits an application to the Connecticut SDE in which s/he indicates a difficulty in hiring a suitable candidate for an available position in special education. A DSAP does not originate with a teacher candidate.

Permit Valid for 1 Year

Applicants must possess a BA and be currently enrolled in a teacher program.

Employment: Required

State Information

State: Connecticut

Contact Phone: 860-713-6969

Contact Email: 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 + 12 Hours

BA Degree + Enrolled in State Approved Teacher Education Program

Prior Certification: Must NOT have Current (STATE) Certification

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

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:

Currently enrolled in a TEP

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

Will NOT 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: School District

Form at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321402>

Form Mailing Address:

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

School District Requirements:

Verification of Employment

Verification of Search for a Certified Teacher

Confirmation of Mentor

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

Background Check

Required

Renewal: Renewable

Teachers can apply for a renewal permit by using Form Ed 177 found at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&q=321402>. Application information must be requested by the district.

Notes:

Use Form ED 177 \$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.

Application information must be requested by district. The DSAP may be granted for 1 year and reissued for 2 additional years upon the completion of 9 semester hours of credit in the required courses each year. Afterwards the applicant may apply for certification.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE

Please Note: Based on a letter from Commissioner Sergi, individuals teaching under a DSAP are not considered fully qualified teachers as defined by the “No Child Left Behind” legislation. The type and duration of the certificate issued will depend on proper documentation of your education and experience. Official transcripts must document all course work completed. Official transcripts must include the embossed or colored seal of the issuing college or university.