

CROSS-ENDORSEMENTS / ADDING ENDORSEMENTS

A person who holds an active Connecticut Initial educator, Provisional educator, or Professional educator certificate may apply for an additional endorsement (cross-endorsement) to such certificate, provided that all of the required coursework and a successful result(s) of the appropriate subject areas tests (as applicable) have been met. The required coursework may be completed at any regionally accredited college or university. The Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification uses such sites as www.collegesource.org to verify that a higher education institution is regionally accredited.

The cross-endorsement requirements provided in the following links are for general information purposes only. Specific course approval and acceptance will be determined upon the submission of a formal application, review fee and official transcripts. Course descriptions and/or syllabi may be requested, if required.

Please be aware that an additional teaching endorsement can only be added to a teaching certificate. Teaching endorsements cannot be added to administrative, adult education, special service, or vocational certificates.

Step 1

- Complete [online application](#) or paper-based [ED 170](#) application.

Step 2

- Mail paper-based application and review fee (if applicable). Mail official transcripts and result(s) for the corresponding assessment(s) to the address noted on the top of the form.

Timeline

Standard processing of certification applications is 6-8 weeks, and 10-12 weeks during peak months, from the original date of submission.

Please note: The total cost for each additional endorsement is \$100, including the \$50 nonrefundable review fee. The money order, cashier's check or certified bank check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." Personal checks cannot be accepted. Copied, scanned or email versions of forms requiring original signatures will NOT be accepted. Original versions of forms with original signatures can only be accepted.

Due to the large volume of e-transcripts the Bureau receives daily, the e-transcript may expire before the Bureau is able to download and scan it into your file. If possible, please submit a paper-based official transcript in the sealed envelope to the Bureau for review.

TESOL, PreK-12 (#111)

Coursework Requirement:

- 30 semester hours of credit in TESOL including coursework in each of the following:
 - English syntax and English composition
 - Language theory
 - Culture and intergroup relations
 - Linguistics and academic assessment of limited-English-proficient students
 - Curriculum and methods of teaching English as a second language

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on Praxis II – [English to Speakers of Other Languages \(#5362\)](#)

Note: A list of [approved courses for TESOL cross-endorsement](#) is available.

Spanish, 7-12 (#023)

Effective July 1, 2018, educators who hold a valid Initial, Provisional, or Professional Educator Certificate with a teaching endorsement may be eligible for an additional endorsement in a world language area by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate ACTFL tests (ACTFL OPI, ACTFL WPT). Additional coursework in the content area is no longer required. Please note: this legislation does not apply to Latin, 7-12 (#021) or World Language Instructor – Elementary (#101).

Bilingual Endorsement

All current bilingual endorsements are specific to the subject/grade level to be taught, and require that you also hold the non-bilingual endorsement for the specific content area to be eligible for the bilingual endorsement. To be eligible to add the elementary bilingual endorsement, for example, you must first become eligible to add the current elementary endorsement (#305). To become eligible to add the bilingual secondary general science endorsement, you must first become eligible to add the secondary general science endorsement (#034), etc.

Once you hold an appropriate non-bilingual endorsement, the requirements to add the bilingual endorsement include:

- At least 18 semester hours of credit completed at ONE regionally accredited college to include coursework in the following areas:
 - First and Second Language Acquisition;
 - Linguistic and Academic Assessment;
 - Cross Cultural Sensitivity and Communication and Implications for Instruction;

- Strategies for Modifying English Content Area Instruction;
- Methods of Teaching ESL; and
- Methods of Teaching Bilingual Education.

In addition, applicants must demonstrate written competency in English with a passing score on the [Praxis Core](#) Academic Skills: Writing test, AND oral and written competency in the language of instruction by passing the ACTFL OPI and WPT tests in the non-English language of instruction being requested.

A list of [approved courses for the bilingual endorsement](#) is available.

Mathematics, Middle School, 4-8 (#229)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Middle School: Mathematics \(#5169\)](#)

Mathematics, 7-12 (#029)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Mathematics \(#5161\)](#)

Art, PreK-12 (#042)

Coursework Requirement:

- A subject area major in art (Note: a subject area major is determined by the institution.)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on Praxis II – [Art \(#5135\)](#)

Music, PreK–12 (#049)

Coursework Requirement:

- A subject area major in music

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on Praxis II – [Music \(#5114\)](#)

Biology, Middle School 4-8 (#230)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Middle School Science \(#5442\)](#)

Biology, 7-12 (#030)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Biology \(#5235\)](#)

Chemistry, Middle School 4-8 (#231)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Middle School Science \(#5442\)](#)

Chemistry, 7-12 (#031)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Chemistry \(#5245\)](#)

Physics, Middle School 4-8 (#232)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Middle School Science \(#5442\)](#)

Physics, 7-12 (#032)

Assessment Requirement:

- Passing score on the Praxis II – [Physics \(#5265\)](#)

NOTE: All coursework must result in the award of college-level credit posted to an official transcript from a regionally accredited college or university.

For questions regarding Cross Endorsements and eligibility, please contact the CT State Department of Education (CSDE) who will be able to assist and confirm any questions:

860-713-6969 or teachers.cert@ct.gov