

Certification Shortage Areas for progression from a Professional to the Advanced (7-year) certificate

Section 1.8.4 of RI certification regulations stipulate that the Advanced Educator Certificate is the third (3rd) level of full certification issued to an applicant who demonstrates accomplished practice and meets the following criteria:

1. The applicant holds a Professional Educator Certificate.
2. The applicant completed five (5) years as a Rhode Island educator working under the Professional Educator Certificate.
3. The applicant completed the appropriate number of approved professional learning units; and
4. The applicant achieves one (1) of the aspirational benchmarks listed below, during the term of the certificate being renewed.
 - a. National Board Certification in certification area; or
 - b. Conferral of an advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher learning during the term of the certificate being renewed in a subject directly related to the content knowledge required to teach or lead under the certificate being renewed; or
 - c. Receives RIDE or national recognition as a Milken educator, State Teacher of the Year, or Presidential Award Winner for Math and Science during the certification cycle; or
 - d. Receives Certificate of Completion of NISL Executive Development Program, or serves as a NISL Facilitator and/or NISL Content Facilitator or
 - e. Achieves additional RIDE certification in a limited number of shortage areas identified by RIDE.

The following certificate areas have been identified as shortage areas:

Teacher Certificate Areas

All Grades certificate areas:

1. All Grades Adaptive Physical Education
2. All Grades Art
3. All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language
4. All Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages
5. All Grades Health
6. All Grades Library Media
7. All Grades Music
8. All Grades Physical Education
9. All Grades Special Education – Deaf and Hard of Hearing
10. All Grades Special Education – Severe Intellectual Disability
11. All Grades Technology Education
12. All Grades World Language

Early Childhood certificate areas

1. Early Childhood Bilingual and Dual Language



~~Early Childhood English to Speakers of Other Languages (now offered as All Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages)~~

2. Early Childhood Special Education

Elementary Grades certificate areas

1. Elementary Bilingual and Dual Language
~~Elementary English to Speakers of Other Languages (now offered as All Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages)~~
2. Elementary Special Education

Middle Grades certificate areas

1. Middle Grades Bilingual and Dual Language
2. Middle Grades English
~~Middle Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages (now offered as All Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages)~~
3. Middle Grades Mathematics
4. Middle Grades Science
5. Middle Grades Social Studies
6. Middle Grades Special Education

Secondary Grades certificate areas

1. Secondary Grades Biology
2. Secondary Grades Business Education
3. Secondary Grades Chemistry
~~Secondary Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages (now offered as All Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages)~~
4. Secondary Grades General Science
5. Secondary Grades Mathematics
6. Secondary Grades Physics
7. Secondary Grades Special Education

Support Professional certificate areas

1. English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant
2. Reading Specialist/Consultant