Chemistry - Jurisdiction Specific Requirements (JSR)

Connecticut

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(a) Holds a bachelor's degree from an approved institution;

(b) Has a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in general academic courses in five of the six areas listed below. A course in United States history. On and after July 1, 1998, a survey course in United States history comprised of not fewer than three semester hours of credit shall be included.

(1) English;

(2) Natural sciences;

(3) Mathematics;

(4) Social studies;

(5) Foreign language; and

(6) Fine arts;

(c) Has completed a subject-area major consisting of one of the following:

(1) A major awarded by an approved institution in the subject area for which certification is sought, except that a major in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement; or

(2) A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit in the subject for which endorsement is sought and a minimum of nine semester hours of credit in a subject or subjects related to the subject for which endorsement is sought, except that a major or course work in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement, and except that:

(A) For the general science endorsement, a major consisting of a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in science including study in biology, chemistry, physics and earth science;

(B) For the history and social studies endorsement:

(i) A major awarded by an approved institution in history, except that on and after July 1, 1998, 18 semester hours of credit in social studies shall be included; or

(ii) A major in political science; economics; geography; anthropology or sociology including at least 18 semester hours of credit in history, or

(iii) An interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement, each of which shall include 18 semester hours of credit in history including United States history, western civilization or European history and nonwestern history, provided that for the interdisciplinary major, study shall include a minimum of one course in each of the following areas: political science; economics; geography; sociology or anthropology or psychology;

(C) For the business endorsement, a major awarded by an approved institution in business or in any one of the subjects covered by the endorsement or an interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement;

(D) For a foreign language endorsement, 24 semester hours of credit in the foreign language in which endorsement is sought; and

(4) Has a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit in professional education in a planned program of study and experience to be distributed among each of the following:

(A) Foundations of education. This group includes areas such as: (1) philosophy of education, (2) school effectiveness, (3) history of education and (4) comparative education;

(B) Educational psychology. This group includes areas such as: (1) growth and development of children from birth through the life span, (2) psychology of learning, (3) child-adolescent psychology and (4) mental hygiene;

(C) Curriculum and methods of teaching. This group includes areas such as: (1) subject area curriculum and methodology and (2) effective teaching skills;

(D) Supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible student teaching in a secondary school totaling at least six but not more than 12 semester hours of credit as part of the requirement; and

(E) A course of study in special education comprised of not fewer than 36 clock hours, which shall include study in understanding the growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may require special education, and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special-needs children in the regular classroom.

Conn. Agencies Regs. 10-145d-451

Minnesota

Delaware

Out-of-state program must be NCATE/CAEP accredited or ""equivalent"" to NCATE/CAEP standards.

Code Del. Regs. 1542

4.0 Prescribed Education, Knowledge, and Skill Requirements

4.1 For an applicant who does not hold a content area Standard Certificate, the applicant shall have satisfied the requirements in subsections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

4.1.1 The applicant shall have:

4.1.1.1 Obtained and currently maintain a Mathematics certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or

4.1.1.2 Earned a bachelor's degree from a Regionally Accredited college or university with a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework in secondary mathematics education from an educator preparation program approved or recognized by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), or a state where the state approval body employed the appropriate standards; or

4.1.1.3 Satisfactorily completed an alternative routes for licensure or certification program to teach secondary mathematics as provided in 14 Del.C. §§ 1260 -- 1266; or

4.1.1.4 Satisfactorily completed a Department-approved educator preparation program in secondary mathematics education.

4.1.2 The applicant shall have achieved a minimum score on one of the following examinations:

4.1.2.1 A minimum score of 160 on the Praxis Subject Assessment -- Mathematics: Content Knowledge (ETS Test Code # 5161); or

4.1.2.2 A minimum score of 152 on the Praxis Subject Assessment -- Mathematics (ETS Test Code # 5165).

4.2 For an applicant who holds at least one content area Standard Certificate, the applicant shall have achieved a minimum score on the Praxis Subject Assessment as provided in subsection 4.1.2.

5.0 Application Requirements

5.1 If an applicant is applying for an Initial License, a Standard Certificate must be applied for simultaneously with the application for the Initial License, and the applicant shall also provide all required documentation for the License.

5.2 For an applicant who does not hold a content area Standard Certificate, the following documentation is required with the application for a Secondary Mathematics

Teacher Standard Certificate:

5.2.1 Evidence of obtaining and maintaining a Mathematics certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, if applicable; and

5.2.2 Official transcript from the applicant's Regionally Accredited college or university.

5.2.2.1 Electronic transcripts may be submitted by the Employing Authority or by the applicant's Regionally Accredited college or university; or

5.2.2.2 Sealed paper transcripts may be submitted.

5.2.2.3 The Department will not accept copies of transcripts; and

5.2.3 Official score on the Praxis Subject Assessment as provided in subsection 4.1.2; and

5.2.4 Additional documentation as required by the Department.

5.3 For an applicant who holds at least one content area Standard Certificate, the following documentation is required in the application for a Secondary Mathematics Teacher Standard Certificate:

5.3.1 Official score on the Praxis Subject Assessment as provided in subsection 4.2; and

5.3.2 Additional documentation as required by the Department.

5.4 For applicants who have met the requirements for licensure and hold a Valid and Current License or Certificate as a secondary mathematics teacher, the following documentation is required in the application for a Secondary Mathematics Teacher Standard Certificate:

5.4.1 An official copy of the Valid and Current License or Certificate; and

5.4.2 Additional documentation as required by the Department.

Idaho

Out-of-state program must be NCATE/TEAC/CAEP accredited.

01. Mathematics (6-12). Twenty (20) semester credit hours including course work in each of the following areas: Euclidean and transformational geometry, linear algebra, discrete mathematics, statistical modeling and probabilistic reasoning, and the first two (2) courses in a standard calculus sequence. A minimum of two (2) of these twenty (20) credits must be focused on secondary mathematics pedagogy. Statistics course work may be taken from a department other than the mathematics department. (7-1-21)T
Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02.024

01. Standard Instructional Certificate. A Standard Instructional Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach all grades, subject to the grade ranges and subject areas of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. A standard instructional certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and who meets the following requirements: (7-1-21)T

a. Professional education requirements: (7-1-21)T

i. Earned a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours, or thirty (30) quarter credit hours, in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter, which shall include at least three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, in reading and its application to the content area; (7-1-21)T

ii. The required minimum credit hours must include at least six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, of student teaching in the grade range and subject areas as applicable to the endorsement; and (7-1-21)T

b. Completed an approved educator preparation program and have an institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which they are eligible to receive an endorsement in; (7-1-21)T

c. Individuals seeking endorsement must complete preparation in at least two (2) fields of teaching. One (1) of the teaching fields must consist of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours and a second field of teaching consisting of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours, or thirty (30) quarter credit hours. Preparation of not less than forty-five (45) semester credit hours, or sixty-seven (67) quarter credit hours, in a single subject area may be used in lieu of the two (2) teaching field requirements; (7-1-21)T

d. Proficiency in areas noted above is measured by completion of the credit hour requirements provided herein. Additionally, each candidate must meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the state board approved content area and pedagogy assessments. (7-1-21)T
e. The Standard Instructional Certificate is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) semester credit hours are required every five (5) years in order to renew the certificate. (7-1-21)T

Idaho Admin. Code r. 08.02.02.015

Wisconsin

Wisconsin standards are aligned with CAEP (and relevant SPA) standards.

Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.040 (g) Out--of--state program. The applicant meets all of the following requirements: 1. Completed an out--of--state educator preparation program that meets all of the following requirements: a. Is approved by the state education agency of the state in which it is located. b. Is comparable to an approved program, including student teaching experience. 2. Received an institutional endorsement from the preparation program. 3. Demonstrated content knowledge by meeting the requirements under s. PI 34.021 (1) (c). 4. Demonstrated pedagogical knowledge, as required under s. PI 34.021 (1) (d).

Wis. Adm. Code § PI 34.002 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, to receive a license to teach under subch. VI, an applicant shall complete an approved program and demonstrate proficient performance in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions in all of the following: (1) PUPIL DEVELOPMENT. The teacher understands how pupils grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas. The teacher designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences for pupils. (2) LEARNING DIFFERENCES. The teacher uses his or her understanding of individual pupil differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each pupil to meet high standards. (3) LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self--motivation. (4) CONTENT KNOWLEDGE. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of each discipline he or she teaches. The teacher creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for pupils to assure mastery of the content. (5) APPLICATION OF CONTENT. The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage pupils in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues. (6) ASSESSMENT. The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage pupils in their own growth, to monitor pupil progress, and to guide the teacher's and pupil's decision making. (7) PLANNING FOR INSTRUCTION. The teacher plans instruction that supports every pupil in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross--disciplinary skills, pedagogy, pupils, and pupils' communities. (8) INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage pupils to develop a deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to develop skills to apply knowledge in a meaningful way. (9) PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND ETHICAL PRACTICE. The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning. The teacher uses evidence to continuously evaluate the teacher's practice, including the effects of the teacher's choices and actions on pupils, their families, other educators, and the community. The teacher adapts the teacher's practice to meet the needs of each pupil. (10) LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION. The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunity

in order to take responsibility for pupil learning, to collaborate with pupils, their families, educators, and the community, and to advance the profession.

Connecticut

Conn. Agencies Regs. 10-145d-451
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(3) Mathematics;
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(5) Foreign language; and
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(c) Has completed a subject-area major consisting of one of the following:

(1) A major awarded by an approved institution in the subject area for which certification is sought, except that a major in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement; or
(2) A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit in the subject for which endorsement is sought and a minimum of nine semester hours of credit in a subject or subjects related to the subject for which endorsement is sought, except that a major or course work in professional education may not be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement, and except that:

(A) For the general science endorsement, a major consisting of a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in science including study in biology, chemistry, physics and earth science;
(B) For the history and social studies endorsement:

(i) A major awarded by an approved institution in history, except that on and after July 1, 1998, 18 semester hours of credit in social studies shall be included; or
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(iii) An interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement, each of which shall include 18 semester hours of credit in history including United States history, western civilization or European history and nonwestern history, provided that for the interdisciplinary major, study shall include a minimum of one course in each of the following areas: political science; economics; geography; sociology or anthropology or psychology;

(C) For the business endorsement, a major awarded by an approved institution in business or in any one of the subjects covered by the endorsement or an interdisciplinary major consisting of 39 semester hours of credit in subjects covered by the endorsement;

(D) For a foreign language endorsement, 24 semester hours of credit in the foreign language in which endorsement is sought; and

(4) Has a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit in professional education in a planned program of study and experience to be distributed among each of the following:

(A) Foundations of education. This group includes areas such as: (1) philosophy of education, (2) school effectiveness, (3) history of education and (4) comparative education;

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(E) A course of study in special education comprised of not fewer than 36 clock hours, which shall include study in understanding the growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may require special education, and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special-needs children in the regular classroom.

Iowa

Iowa Admin. Code 282-13.28
13.28(17) Science.
c. Chemistry. 5-12. Completion of 24 semester hours in chemistry or 30 semester hours in the broad area of science to include 15 semester hours in chemistry.

Maine

05-071 CMR Ch. 115, Pt. II, § 1.1

1.4 Endorsement: Secondary Teacher

A. Function: This endorsement on a teacher certificate allows the holder to teach students in grades 6 through grade 12 in one of the following endorsement areas: 100 English/language arts, 200 social studies 300 mathematics, 350 physical science, or 395 life science.

B. 2. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 2

(a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule;

(b) Completed a minimum of 24 semester hours in the areas relevant to the 6-12 endorsement area being sought. For purposes of this Section, this includes but is not limited to:

i. English (e.g., composition, literature, writing)

ii. Life science (e.g., biology, ecology, botany, zoology, anatomy, physiology, environmental science, entomology, ornithology)

iii. Mathematics (e.g., algebra, geometry, calculus, probability, statistics, finite math, number theory)

iv. Physical science (e.g., chemistry, physics, geology, earth science, astronomy, meteorology, oceanography, soil science)

v. Social studies (e.g., geography, history, economics, government, anthropology, psychology, sociology);

(c) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in diversity-centered content related to today's classroom (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods);

(d) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in human development, educational psychology, developmental psychology, adolescent psychology, or child development;

(e) Passed content area methods course;

(f) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom;

(g) Passed basic skills test in reading, writing, and mathematics, in accordance with Maine Department of Education Regulation 13, or
achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the certification, or
completed a successful portfolio review demonstrating competency in Maine's Initial Teacher Standards; and

(h) Completed one academic semester or a minimum of 15 weeks of full-time student teaching, or a combination of part-time and full-time student teaching in an amount equivalent to 15 weeks in the endorsement area at the specified grade level. This requirement shall be waived upon completion of one full year of successful teaching under a conditional certificate in the endorsement area at the specified grade level.

Nebraska

Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 92, Ch. 24, § 006
006.13C Persons with this endorsement may teach any chemistry course in grades 7 through 12.
006.13D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in chemistry and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities will be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

New Hampshire

N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 507.30

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements for certification under Ed 507.28 for science teacher for grades 5-8, Ed 507.30 for earth and space science teacher, Ed 507.31 for life sciences teacher, Ed 507.32 for chemistry teacher, Ed 507.33 for physics teacher, or Ed 507.51 for physical science teacher for grades 7-12, a science teacher shall have the qualifications listed in (d) and (e) below.

(d) In the area of instructional performance, the candidate shall demonstrate:

(1) Proficiency in the use of scientific methods as demonstrated by the ability to:

a. Integrate the science practices throughout lessons by:

1. Asking questions for science and defining problems for engineering;
2. Developing and using models;
3. Planning and carrying out investigations;
4. Analyzing and interpreting data;
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking;
6. Constructing explanations for science and designing solutions for engineering;
7. Engaging in argument from evidence; and
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information;

b. Design and teach grade level appropriate laboratory activities incorporating scientific processes, promoting scientific habits of mind, and meeting needs of diverse learners;

c. Use scientific drawings, diagrams, data tables, models, and graphing essential to science investigations and expression of ideas;

d. Design learning activities fostering questioning, open-ended investigations, the development of cooperative group skills, and promoting practice in decision making and problem solving;

e. Use methods of teaching reading, writing, communication, and study skills essential to the effective mastery of grade level science content;

f. Design activities and investigations integrating appropriate quantitative literacy skills and concepts; and

g. Organize, present, and evaluate science ideas in a manner emphasizing conceptual understanding of phenomena and optimizing learning experiences for students of all ability levels and learning styles; and

(2) Scientific content knowledge that enables the integration of the common themes exhibited in all of the sciences into teaching and course design including:

a. Systems and system models;
b. Energy and matter;
c. Cause and effect;
d. Scale, proportion, and quantity;
e. Patterns of change, including constancy or stability;
f. Structure and function;
g. Stability, change, and evolution; and

h. Nature of science and inquiry;

(3) The ability to make connections that:

a. Establish relationships among all sciences and reflect the role of science systems in science literacy;

b. Relate the sciences to technological issues that influence society and the ethical and moral consequences of decisions related to those issues; and

c. Integrate knowledge from the history and philosophy of science into science instruction;

(4) Knowledge of field and laboratory safety and emergency procedures, including responsibilities of science teachers for:

a. The welfare of their students and care for organisms as appropriate to the area of study using the "Position Statement on the Responsible Use of Live Animals and Dissection in the Science Classroom", March 2008, available as specified in Appendix II; and

b. The proper maintenance, storage and disposal of laboratory materials or chemicals using the Globally Harmonized System for Hazard Communication of 2007 available as specified in Appendix II;

(5) Knowledge and skills to integrate technological tools for learning, analysis and reporting, including, but not limited to:

a. Skills to plan, design, deliver, and incorporate active learning and collaboration;

b. Collect and analyze data using information technology; and

c. Communicate information effectively;

(6) Knowledge and skills of computing and computational thinking as it relates to science, including, but not limited to:

a. Visualizations of scientific concepts; and

b. Modeling and simulating engineering design to communicate science understanding; and

(7) Ability to practice good digital citizenship and model safe, ethical, and legal practice with digital tools and resources.

(e) The candidate shall demonstrate knowledge of the organizations, agencies, and journals that contribute to the professional growth of the science teacher.

N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 507.33

(c) A candidate for certification as a chemistry teacher for grades 7-12 shall have skills, competencies, and knowledge in the following areas:

(1) In the area of fundamental content knowledge, the candidate shall have the ability to:

a. Explain concepts, solve problems, and perform laboratory techniques that explore and develop an understanding and application of the following fundamental areas of chemistry:

1. Structure and properties of matter, including, but not limited to:

(i) Bonding and intermolecular forces;

(ii) Relationship between molecular structure and the function of designed materials;

(iii) Chemical engineering;

(iv) Coordination complexes;

(v) Molecular orbital theory;

(vi) Organic chemistry and functional groups in biochemistry, biological compounds and natural products; and

(vii) Gas laws;

2. Chemical reactions and energy, including, but not limited to:

(i) Reaction thermodynamics including exothermic and endothermic reactions, entropy, and Gibbs free energy;

(ii) Product prediction in chemical reactions, based on patterns of chemical properties;

(iii) Complex reaction dynamics, including kinetics and equilibrium;

(iv) Mathematics of reactions, including mole concept, stoichiometry, and laws of composition and conservation, and aqueous equilibria from acid/base systems to solubility;

(v) Application of electrochemistry and oxidation/reduction (REDOX) reactions;

(vi) Energy in chemical processes;

(vii) Wave-particle duality of nature, including the relationship between frequency, wavelength, and speed; and

(viii) Changes in matter due to the absorption of electromagnetic radiation;

3. Nuclear and environmental processes, including, but not limited to:

(i) Environmental and atmospheric chemistry, including ground water pollution, plastics, and disposal of fuels; and

(ii) Applications of chemistry in community health and environmental quality; and

4. Engineering design processes, including, but not limited to:

(i) Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints to solutions;

(ii) Design a solution to a complex real-world problem accounting for constraints, cost, safety, reliability, and social, cultural, and environmental impacts; and

(iii) Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem;

b. Apply knowledge of chemistry and physical science concepts through full and partial inquiries, laboratory investigations, and the use of scientific models; and

c. Understand and be able to apply mathematical concepts and techniques including, but not limited to, modeling and variable analysis at least through the level of college calculus and statistics.

New Jersey

Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

Cumulative GPA Requirement

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00

  equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before

  September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved postbaccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.
- Please note that there are GPA Flexibility Rules where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

Subject Matter Preparation

- For certification as a chemistry teacher, current regulations require that applicants complete a minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of chemistry. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level). Examples of courses accepted for chemistry include biochemistry and organic chemistry. Related courses may be accepted depending on the cours description/content. Please provide a course description if a course is not taken from the chemistry Department. Courses in pedagogy/education are not accepted towards the subject matter preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the chemistry subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript.

New Mexico

Official sealed transcripts reflecting completion of a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and 24 semester hours of Secondary education course work, 12 semester hours of which must be in upper division courses, to include student teaching; and 24 semester hours in teaching field such as language arts, social studies, math, etc; and 3 semester hours in teaching reading for those who first entered any college or university on or after August 1, 2001

US Virgin Islands

For initial certification in the U.S. Virgin Islands, all candidates must:

- Earn a baccalaureate degree.
- Submit appropriate applications.
- Submit official transcripts from all accredited institutions.
- Demonstrate proof of U.S. citizenship, permanent residency or other approved work status.
- Complete a course in U.S. Virgin Islands history within the first year of employment.
- Pass the Praxis® tests for their certification area.
- According to the U.S. Virgin Island's Board of Education's Certification document, there are also general course requirements for any person who would like to teach in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Elementary school teachers need 36 education credits, and secondary school teachers need 26 education credits.

The areas are:

1. Foundations of Education. (This group includes areas such as philosophy of Education, school effectiveness, history of education, and comparative education);
2. Educational Psychology (This group includes such areas as growth and development of children from birth through life span, psychology of learning, child-adolescent psychology and mental hygiene);
3. Curriculum and Methods (This group includes a minimum of [18 for elementary, 8 for secondary] semester hours of credit in teaching language arts, reading, mathematics, fine arts, science, social studies, and effective teaching skills, classroom management, measurement and evaluation);
4. Educational Technology;
5. Special Education;
6. Student Teaching (supervised observation, participation and full-time responsible teaching in an elementary school, totaling at least 6 but not more than 12 semester hours of credit). Teachers who have taught in the Virgin Islands public school system with satisfactory or better evaluations for five consecutive years do not have to complete a student teaching course. This applies only to teachers hired in 1997 or before.

All teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, and secondary school teacher applicants must possess a minimum of a college major and/or 30 credits in a content area. Secondary school applicants with less than 30 credits in their content area, but more than 15 credits in that area, can take the Praxis II exam in that subject area to show content area competency.

Vermont

5440-13 Science
The holder is authorized to teach science in grades 7-12.
1. The Learner and Learning

1.1. Learning Environments
Effective science Educators are able to plan for engaging all students in science learning by setting appropriate goals that are consistent with knowledge of how students learn science and are aligned with Vermont state science standards. Instructional plans reflect the nature of science and three-dimensional learning that integrates Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts. Instructional plans reflect the nature and social context of science, and inquiry. Educators design and select learning activities, instructional settings, and resources--including science-specific technology--to achieve those goals.

1.1.1. Educators use a variety of instructional strategies that demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how to select the appropriate teaching and learning activities -- including laboratory or field settings and applicable instruments and/or technology--to allow all students to learn. These strategies are inclusive and motivating for all students.

1.1.2. Educators create a knowledge-building culture that encourages intellectual risk-taking and provides a safe environment for students to propose solutions and explore the accuracy of their explanations.

1.1.3. Educators develop learning opportunities where students construct explanations for observed phenomena and find evidence to support these explanations or design solutions to engineering problems.

1.1.4. Educators provide students with equitable opportunities to develop their scientific understandings of the Vermont state science standards.

1.2. Physical Safety
Effective science Educators can demonstrate and maintain safety procedures, chemical safety, and the ethical treatment of living organisms.

1.2.1. Design activities that demonstrate the safe and proper techniques for the preparation, storage, dispensing, supervision, and disposal of all instructional materials.

1.2.2. Design and demonstrate activities that show an ability to implement emergency procedures and the maintenance of safety equipment, policies, and procedures that comply with established state and/or national guidelines. Educators ensure safe activities appropriate for the abilities of all students.

1.2.3. Design and demonstrate activities that show ethical decision-making with respect to the treatment of all living organisms in and out of the classroom. They emphasize safe, humane, and ethical treatment of animals and comply with the legal restrictions on the collection, keeping, and use of living organisms.

2. Content Knowledge and Skills

2.1. Educators demonstrate understanding of the major concepts, principles, theories, laws, and interrelationships of the major fields of science and the supporting roles of science-specific technology.

2.1.1. Physical Science

2.1.1.1. Matter and Its Interactions

2.1.1.2. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

2.1.1.3. Energy and Waves

2.1.2. Life Science

2.1.2.1. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

2.1.2.2. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

2.1.2.3. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

2.1.2.4. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

2.1.3. Earth & Space Sciences

2.1.3.1. Earth's Place in the Universe

2.1.3.2. Earth's Systems

2.1.3.3. Earth and Human Activity

2.1.4. Engineering Design Process (N.B., This does not refer to engineering content, but an understanding of how to integrate engineering design processes across science disciplines.)

3. Instructional Practice

Effective science Educators understand how students learn and develop scientific knowledge. They strive to develop students' deep understanding of core scientific principles rather than a cursory understanding of discrete facts. Educators integrate Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts to develop this knowledge for all students.

3.1. Pedagogical Content Knowledge

3.1.1. Educators provide opportunities for students to engage in scientific thinking that involves collecting and interpreting data to evaluate their understandings and develop scientific explanations. Applications of science-specific technology are included in the lessons where appropriate.

3.1.2. Educators create opportunities for students to collaboratively design and implement scientific investigations, present and discuss the results of their investigations, construct explanations, and solve engineering problems.

3.1.3. Educators design instruction and assessment strategies that elicit misconceptions and cause students to confront and question their emergent scientific ideas. Educators leverage student misconceptions to personalize future instruction.

3.2. Three-dimensional Learning

3.2.1. Instruction addresses Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts concurrently around an identified scientific idea or engineering problem.

3.2.2. Educators design learning opportunities where students explore a Disciplinary Core Idea through Science and Engineering Principles and make connections to the Crosscutting Concepts.

3.3. Assessment

Effective science Educators:

3.3.1. Plan fair and equitable assessment strategies that integrate three-dimensional learning to analyze student learning and evaluate how the learning goals are met.

3.3.2. Design formative, interim, and summative assessment strategies to continuously evaluate preconceptions and ideas that students hold and how these ideas evolve.

3.3.3. Scaffold student learning to distinguish science from nonscience, understand the evolution and practice of science as a human endeavor, and critically analyze assertions made in the name of science.

4. A major in biology, chemistry, physics, or earth/ environmental/ atmospheric sciences, or the equivalent in undergraduate and/or graduate coursework. For the full endorsement, a candidate must have at least one course that addresses each content knowledge area; a single class could potentially address multiple areas.

5. A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, at the middle/secondary level (7-12) in an endorsement requiring competency with the Core Teaching Standards.

6. Required Testing: Praxis II Subject Assessment: General Science - Test Code 5435. Candidates must achieve a passing score on the General Science test AND one Science subject specific test.

Biology - Test Code 5235

Chemistry - Test Code 5245

Physics - Test Code 5265

Earth Science - Test Code 5571

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Endorsement requirements. The candidate shall have:
1. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in chemistry;
2. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and completed a major in chemistry or 32 semester hours in chemistry, including at least one course in each of the following areas: inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, biochemistry, and analytical chemistry and other preparation consistent with the competencies required for the endorsement; or
3. Earned an endorsement in another science discipline and completed at least 18 semester hours in chemistry, including at least one course in each of the following areas: inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, biochemistry, and analytical chemistry.

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Professional studies requirements for preK-12, secondary grades 6-12, and adult education endorsements: 18 semester hours. Professional studies requirements for special education endorsements: 21 semester hours. These requirements may be taught in integrated coursework or modules.
1. Human development and learning (birth through adolescence): 3 semester hours.
    a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding of the physical, social, emotional, speech and language, and intellectual development of children and the ability to use this understanding in guiding learning experiences and relating meaningfully to students.
    b. The interaction of children with individual differences - economic, social, racial, ethnic, religious, physical, and cognitive - should be incorporated to include skills contributing to an understanding of developmental disabilities and developmental issues related to, but not limited to, low socioeconomic status; attention deficit disorders; developmental disabilities; gifted education, including the use of multiple criteria to identify gifted students; substance abuse; trauma, including child abuse and neglect and other adverse childhood experiences; and family disruptions.
2. Curriculum and instruction: 3 semester hours.
    a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding of the principles of learning; the application of skills in discipline-specific methodology; varied and effective methods of communication with and among students; selection and use of materials, including media and contemporary technologies; selection, development, and use of appropriate curricula, methodologies, and materials that support and enhance student learning and reflect the research on unique, age-appropriate, and culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy.
    b. Understanding of the principles of online learning and online instructional strategies and the application of skills to deliver online instruction shall be included.

c. Instructional practices that are sensitive to culturally and linguistically diverse learners, including English learners; gifted and talented students and students with disabilities; and appropriate for the level of endorsement sought shall be included.

d. Teaching methods shall be tailored to promote student academic progress and effective preparation for the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments.

e. Methods of improving communication between schools and families, ways of increasing family engagement in student learning at home and in school, and family engagement with the Virginia Standards of Learning shall be included.

f. Study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines developed by the Virginia Board of Education in consultation with the Virginia Department of Social Services and training or certification in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators shall be included. The certification or training program shall (i) be based on the current national evidenced-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and (ii) include hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

g. Curriculum and instruction for secondary grades 6-12 endorsements shall include middle and secondary education.

h. Pre-student teaching experiences (field experiences) should be evident within these skills. For preK-12, field experiences shall be at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels.

3. Assessment of and for learning: 3 semester hours.

a. Skills in this area shall be designed to develop an understanding and application of creating, selecting, and implementing valid and reliable classroom-based assessments of student learning, including formative and summative assessments. Assessments designed and adapted to meet the needs of diverse learners shall be addressed.

b. Analytical skills necessary to inform ongoing planning and instruction, as well as to understand, and help students understand their own progress and growth shall be included.

c. Skills shall also include the ability to understand the relationships among assessment, instruction, and monitoring student progress to include student performance measures in grading practices, the ability to interpret valid assessments using a variety of formats in order to measure student attainment of essential skills in a standards-based environment, and the ability to analyze assessment data to make decisions about how to improve instruction and student performance.

d. Understanding of state assessment programs and accountability systems, including assessments used for student achievement goal-setting as related to teacher evaluation and determining student academic progress shall be included.

e. Knowledge of legal and ethical aspects of assessment and skills for developing familiarity with assessments used in preK-12 education such as diagnostic, college admission exams, industry certifications, and placement assessments shall be included.

4. Foundations of education and the teaching profession: 3 semester hours.

a. Skills in this area shall be designed to develop an understanding of the historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations underlying the role, development, and organization of public education in the United States.

b. Attention shall be given to the legal status of teachers and students, including federal and state laws and regulations; school as an organization and culture; and contemporary issues and current trends in education, including the impact of technology on education. Local, state, and federal governance of schools, including the roles of teachers and schools in communities shall be included.

c. Professionalism and ethical standards, as well as personal integrity shall be addressed.

d. Knowledge and understanding of Virginia's Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers shall be included.

5. Classroom and behavior management: 3 semester hours.

a. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding and application of research-based classroom and behavior management techniques, classroom community building, positive behavior supports, and individual interventions, including techniques that promote emotional well-being and teach and maintain behavioral conduct and skills consistent with norms, standards, and rules of the educational environment.

b. This area shall address diverse approaches based upon culturally responsive behavioral, cognitive, affective, social and ecological theory and practice.

c. Approaches should support professionally appropriate practices that promote positive redirection of behavior, development of social skills and of self-discipline.

d. Knowledge and an understanding of various school crisis management and safety plans and the demonstrated ability to create a safe, orderly classroom environment shall be included. The link between classroom management and the students' ages shall be understood and demonstrated in techniques used in the classroom.

6. Language and literacy.

a. Adult education, preK-12, and secondary grades 6-12 - literacy in the content areas: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart an understanding of vocabulary development and comprehension skills in English, mathematics, science, history and social science, and other content areas. Strategies include teaching students how to ask effective questions, summarize and retell both verbally and in writing, and listen effectively. Teaching strategies include literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative comprehension, as well as the ability to foster appreciation of a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts and independent reading for adolescent learners.

b. Special education - language acquisition and reading and writing: 6 semester hours. Skills listed for these endorsement areas represent the minimum competencies that a beginning teacher shall be able to demonstrate. These skills are not intended to limit the scope of a beginning teacher's program. Additional knowledge and skills that add to a beginning teacher's competencies to deliver instruction and improve student achievement should be included as part of a quality learning experience.

(1) Language acquisition: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart a thorough understanding of the Virginia English Standards of Learning, as well as the complex nature of language acquisition as a precursor to literacy. Language acquisition shall follow the typical development of linguistic competence in the areas of phonetics, semantics, syntax, morphology, phonology, and pragmatics.
(2) Reading and writing: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall be designed to impart a thorough understanding of the Virginia English Standards of Learning, as well as the reciprocal nature of reading and writing. Reading shall include phonemic and other phonological awareness, concept of print, phonics, fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension strategies. Writing shall include writing strategies and conventions as supporting the composing and written expression and usage and mechanics domains. Additional skills shall include proficiency in understanding the stages of spelling development and the writing process and the ability to foster appreciation of a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts and independent reading.
7. Supervised classroom experience. Supervised clinical experiences shall be continuous and systematic and comprised of early field experiences and a minimum of 10 weeks of successful full-time student teaching in the endorsement area sought under the supervision of a cooperating teacher with demonstrated effectiveness in the classroom. The summative supervised student teaching experience shall include at least 150 clock hours spent in direct teaching at the level of endorsement in a public or accredited nonpublic school.

If a preK-12 endorsement is sought, teaching activities shall be at the elementary and middle or secondary levels. Individuals seeking the endorsement in library media shall complete the supervised school library media practicum in a school library media setting. Individuals seeking an endorsement in an area of special education shall complete the supervised classroom experience requirement in the area of special education for which the endorsement is sought. One year of successful full-time teaching experience in the endorsement area in a public or an accredited nonpublic school may be accepted in lieu of the supervised teaching experience. For the Online Teacher License only, one year of successful online teaching experience in the endorsement area in a public school, an accredited nonpublic school, or an accredited virtual school or program may be accepted in lieu of the supervised teaching experience. A fully licensed, experienced teacher shall be available in the school building to assist a beginning teacher employed through the alternate route.