

**Middle school with Subject Matter Specialization:
World Language - American Sign Language Grades 5 – 8
Certificate of Eligibility
(ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1105)**

Please print this page before you apply.

TO AVOID DELAYS: After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation, including the oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form, **together** in a **single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your Social Security number or tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education
Office of Certification and Induction
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement entitles the holder to:

- i. Teach World Language - American Sign Language in grades five through eight in all public schools. This endorsement does not permit the holder to teach the subject matter specialization in grades 9 through 12.;

The following requirements must be met for certification:

Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a [regionally accredited college/university](http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm). (<http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm>)

Certification

- Effective July 2, 2013, regulations for certification require that applicants hold an Elementary School or N-12 subject matter endorsement in order to be eligible for Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization. Issuance of the Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization certificate will be contingent upon eligibility and/or issuance of the Elementary School or N-12 subject matter endorsement.

Subject Matter Preparation

- Current regulations for certification require that applicants complete a minimum of 15 credits in the subject area that you want to be certified in. Courses in educational pedagogy do not count towards the subject matter requirement. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 OR 4 year college/university transcript.

Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SCPI or SLPI)

- Current regulations require applicants for the Teacher of American Sign Language endorsement to achieve an intermediate or higher to achieve a score of intermediate or above on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI). This test was formerly known as the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI). Testing information can be obtained from the New Jersey School for the Deaf, West Trenton, (609) 530-2332, Contact: Joan Cohen-Administrative Coordinator. Information is also available on the website: <http://mksd.org>
- The Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) is offered by a team of professionals trained to administer the assessment. Inquire on fee for assessment.

Basic Skills Assessment Requirement (Effective September 1, 2015)

- All candidates must pass a Commissioner-approved test of basic skills, or score in the top one-third percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. The top one-third percentile score for each test, for each year the data is available, is posted to the Department's website at: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/rpr/preparation/BasicSkillsExemptionCutScores.pdf>

24 Hour Requirement

- Effective October 31, 2009, eligibility for the elementary school Certificate of Eligibility or instructional area Certificate of Eligibility requires candidates to demonstrate knowledge of basic pedagogical skills appropriate to the area of endorsement prior to the issuance of a certificate. The requirement may be met through successful completion of a minimum of 24 hours of study offered through a state-approved provider or through approved coursework at a NJ State-approved college as documented on a transcript. If submitting a Certificate of Completion for the 24 hour pre-service to meet this requirement, only original documentation will be accepted. Do not send copies or faxes. Please go to <http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/advisorics/applicant.htm> for details and a list of approved courses and providers. (Exceptions: Holders of a CEAS, provisional, or standard certificate in another instructional area are exempt from this requirement.)

Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

- This requirement may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please go to <http://www.state.nj.us/education/counties/> in order to contact a county office of education **after** you apply online.

Course Requirement in the Characteristics of Child and Early Adolescent Development

- A course in "Child and Early Adolescent Development," or its equivalent, that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript is required. Acceptable courses include "Adolescent Psychology/Development" and "Lifespan Development". A course titled "Child Psychology" will **not** be accepted unless it covers the development of adolescents between the ages of 11-14 (**This course is not required for issuance of a CE. At this time, please be advised that this study is contained in the Provisional Training Program for alternate route candidates.**)

Fee Information

- **No checks or money orders will be accepted**
- Please make the payment online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/epay.htm>.
- **Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.**
- If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- **All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable**

Online Certificate Information

- All information about certificates is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found at www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/tcis/instructions.pdf.
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. Additionally, the move to electronic certificates will save costs associated with printing and mailing, as many of our neighboring states have discovered. **Therefore, as of May 15, 2015, paper certificates will no longer be issued.**

Applicant Checklist:

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation together **IN A SINGLE PACKET** to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number or Social Security number on all documents that you send to our office. For this particular certificate, you will need to send in the following:

- Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form. (Available here: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf>)
- Official transcripts noting degree conferral and all other relevant transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.

- Copies of your Praxis test score report (May be submitted at a later date if you have not yet completed this requirement. See above for details.)
- Fee of \$190 paid online

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.