

ALTERNATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY PATHWAY

Prerequisites

- Terminal degree (MLS, MFA, DEd, etc) **OR**
- Bachelor's from an accredited college and two years of post-degree qualified work experience in a corresponding field to EC or Elem.

District initiates the online application process via OECS. Applicant then may apply/pay for the provisional certificate online.

Within the first year

1. Satisfactorily complete six credit hours in classroom management and reading instruction from an educator preparation program (EPP) approved and accredited by the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA)
2. Completes required State Department of Education approved training in the science of reading
3. Participates in a yearlong mentorship or instructional coaching in reading and classroom management provided by the employing school district prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate for a second year

Within the second year

1. Satisfactorily completes six credit hours in child development and math instruction from an from an EPP approved and accredited by the OEQA.
2. Participates in an additional yearlong mentorship or instructional coaching in child development and math instruction provided by the employing district, prior to the renewal for the provisional certificate for a third year
3. Passes appropriate OSAT

Within the third year

1. Satisfactorily completes six additional credit hours of professional education coursework from an EPP approved and accredited by OEQA,
2. Participated in an additional yearlong mentorship or instructional coaching provided by the employing school district
3. Successfully passed the professional knowledge portions of the required competency examination (OPTE/PPAT) in the area of specialization for which certification is sought.

District would then initiate the request for a standard certificate online, with the applicant applying/paying once the district makes the recommendation.