



Requirements for the Life Science 6-12 certificate (395S)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 395S, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

Conditional Certificate (3 year) requirements include:

- (1) All of Section A

Conditional Certificate (3 year) (through the transitional pathway) requirements include:

- (1) A valid Professional Maine teaching certificate
- (2) 9 semester hours of section A

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of all sections below:

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. At least a bachelor's degree
2. Life Sciences (e.g., biology, ecology, botany, zoology, anatomy, physiology, environmental science, entomology, ornithology) (24)
3. Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints
Section B:
1. Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Regular Classroom (3)
2. Secondary Science methods (3)
3. Diversity-centered content related to today’s classroom (3) (e.g., Culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods)
4. Development (3) (human development, educational psychology, developmental psychology, or child development)
5. Student Teaching (waived upon one school year of successful teaching under a valid certificate)
Section C: Completion of 1 of the following options
Option 1 – Passing scores on Praxis I
Reading Test #5713 Score 156

Writing	Test #5723	Score 162
Mathematics	Test #5733	Score 150
Composite		Score 468
Option 2 – Meet a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses required for the certification		
Option 3- Completed a successful portfolio review demonstrating competency in Maine’s Initial Teacher Standards		

Helpful Tips:

- For fingerprint information please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/fingerprinting>
- To register for a PRAXIS exam please visit www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.
- Once you have received an evaluation letter please reference your letter for necessary requirements and certification options.