

**CONTENT-FOCUSED CERTIFICATION STRUCTURE
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Certification structure		Certificate will allow individual to teach:
Early Childhood	Grades PK-3	Grades PK-3
Elementary	Grades 1-5	Grades 1-5
Middle School	Grades 4-8	Grades 4-8 departmentalized in a particular subject area*
Secondary	Grades 6-12	Grades 6-12 departmentalized in a particular subject area

*In addition, a Middle School teacher may become certified to teach in a self-contained grades 4-5 classroom by successfully completing the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (#0014) Praxis exam.

For certification in:	Praxis Content Specialty Exam Requirements	
	Regular Education	Special Education
Grades PK-3	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (#0014)	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (#0014)
Grades 1-5	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (#0014)	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (#0014)
Grades 4-8	<p>There are four middle school content specialty exams (English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).</p> <p><u>Undergraduate candidates</u> must pass the content-specialty middle school exam in two focus areas.¹</p> <p><u>Alternate program candidates</u> must pass the content-specialty middle school exam in one focus area.¹</p> <p>Middle school teachers may add an additional middle school content area by passing the Praxis middle school exam for that content area.</p>	<p>There are four middle school content specialty exams (English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).</p> <p><u>Undergraduate candidates</u> must pass the content-specialty middle school exam in two focus areas.¹</p> <p><u>Alternate program candidates</u> must pass the content-specialty middle school exam in one focus area.¹</p> <p>Middle school teachers may add an additional middle school content area by passing the Praxis middle school exam for that content area.</p>
Grades 6-12	<p>Must pass at least one content specialty area exam in a secondary content area.</p> <p>Secondary teachers may add an additional secondary content area by passing the Praxis exam for that content area.</p>	<p>Must pass at least one content specialty area exam in a secondary content area.</p> <p>Secondary teachers may add an additional secondary content area by passing the Praxis exam for that content area.</p>

¹ An individual earning Grades 4-8 certification must pass the PRAXIS exam #0014 to be certified and highly qualified to teach in a self-contained classroom in grades 4 or 5