

Progressing to the Professional Teaching Certificate before July 1, 2018

The Professional Teaching Certificate* is valid for up to 5 years and may be applied for any time requirements are met.

Requirements:

1. 3 years of successful teaching since the issue date of the **initial** Standard Teaching Certificate, within the content areas and grade level of the Standard Teaching Certificate; and
2. 6 semester credit hours of [reading methods course work](#) for elementary teachers and 3 semester credit hours for secondary certified teachers. If you completed your teacher preparation program in Michigan since 1985, you have met this requirement; and
3. 3 semester credit hours of [reading diagnostics and remediation](#), which includes a field experience. This credit can be applied toward the professional learning requirement listed below assuming the credit was earned after the issue date of the most recent certificate or renewal; and
4. [Education-related professional learning](#) totaling 150 hours; or

An education-related master's or higher degree earned at any time (even if previously utilized to renew the Standard Teaching Certificate) from a [regionally accredited college or university](#).

Education-Related Professional Learning Options:

One of the following [education-related professional learning](#) options must be earned since the issue date of the most recent Standard Teaching Certificate or renewal, and they must be entered into [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) prior to applying for the renewal for the system to recognize your eligibility:

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement from a [regionally accredited college or university](#); or
- 6 semester hours in a planned course of study** from a [regionally accredited college or university](#); or
- 150 Michigan [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECHs) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement; or

- 150 hours of Michigan [District Provided Professional Development](#) (DPPD) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement.
- Any combination of the above.

Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:

- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

Note: The above information is valid for those applying for the Professional Teaching Certificate **before** July 1, 2018. For those applying beginning July 1, 2018 please use this [guidance document](#).

**The Professional Teaching Certificate replaces the Professional Education Certificate pursuant to Administrative Rule 390.1101.*

***Credits in a planned course of study may include credits taken as part of an education-related master's or higher degree or credits in a program that leads to an endorsement.*