



Overview Session Handout

Updates

- * Emergency Certificate regulations are adopted, [click here](#) for MSDE’s memo.
 - NEW - An emergency certificate for conditionally certified teachers & those in prep programs. Teachers will have 6 months from the time the state of emergency is lifted in Maryland to complete testing requirements needed to maintain a certificate or be able to seek a certificate as a new hire.
- * Testing during COVID-19: At home testing is [available for](#) Praxis Core (1) - and most other tests required for certification. Testing is still available at [select in-person testing sites](#).
- * Changes to Certification Requirements: 3.0 GPA exemption, [click here](#) for details
 - Praxis Core is not required if at the time a candidate applies for certification their GPA is 3.0 in their last degree.
 - For pre-service teachers, Praxis Core requirements are set by your prep program. Check to be sure.

Study Resources for Praxis Core

1. ETS Study Companions: [Reading](#), [Writing](#), [Math](#)
2. Khan Academy instructions: [video](#) or [step by step guide](#)

Ready for 1:1 Tutoring? Next Steps:

- Step 1: Join MSEA ([Aspiring Educator](#) or [Employee in a PK12 school](#))
- Step 2: Fill out the forms ([Need Assessment](#) & [Participant Agreement](#))
- Step 3: [Take Khan Academy Diagnostics](#)

Certification Support

* Have questions about your specific situation, but unsure who to ask? Before reaching out, first review MSDE’s website www.mdcert.org.

Employed by a local school system	Not currently employed with a local school system	Enrolled in a teacher preparation program
Every district has a certification specialist to help. It may be a whole department or housed within the human resources department.	MSDE is your point of contact! TIP: State that you are not under contract with a district or you may inadvertently get sent back to the local school system. Questions to certinfo.msde@maryland.gov	Ask your education advisor or program coordinator!

Certification Resources:

1. [MSDE FAQ](#)
2. [All things educator certification MSDE](#)
3. [Applying for certification](#)
4. [Testing information - general](#)

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