

Preparing for Student Teaching

Teacher candidates are encouraged to complete the following tasks before the semester they do their student teaching clinical experience. Each step is a requirement for CT State Teaching Certification and candidates should complete each item before the start of the student teaching clinical experience.

1. Create a Teacher Identification Number with the State Department of Education

The State Department of Education will use the Teacher Identification Number to track experiences and certifications. There is no cost. Go to this link to create an ID:

<https://sdeportal.ct.gov/cecscreateuser/CECSNewUserCreation.aspx>

2. Testing Requirements / Recommendations

a. **Teacher candidates must have taken either SAT, ACT, or Praxis I.**

b. **Foundations of Reading Test.** The cost of this test is \$139, and candidates must achieve a minimum score of 240 to pass this test. *Teacher candidates should take this test directly following ED325.* This online test will assess candidate's proficiency and depth of understanding in the foundations of reading, development of reading comprehension, and reading assessment and instruction. Follow this link to get more information about the test, including materials to prepare for the test. https://www.ct.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/SA190_TestPage.html

c. **Integrated Early Childhood Test.** The cost of this test is \$139, and candidates must achieve a minimum score of 216 to pass this test. This online test will assess candidate's proficiency and depth of understanding in the knowledge of child development, knowledge of children's literature and the writing process, and core knowledge in the content areas. Follow this link to get more information about the test, including materials to prepare for the test. https://www.ct.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/CT002_TestPage.html

The [Connecticut Education Association](#) also offers free materials to prepare for these tests. Email Elizabeth Sked at Elizabth@cea.org for membership details.

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