Progressing to the Professional Education Certificate

Before July 1, 2018

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

All of the following are required for progression to Professional Education Certificate:

1. 3 years of successful teaching since the issue date of the initial Provisional (Standard) Certificate, within the content area and grade level of your certificate.

2. Reading Methods: 6 semester credit hours for elementary certified teachers, 3 semester credit hours for secondary certified teachers. If you completed your teacher preparation program in Michigan since 1985, you have met this requirement.

3. Reading Diagnostics: 3 semester credit hours of reading diagnostics and remediation, which includes a field experience.

4. In addition to the above, either option below is also required:

   Option A – Graduate Degree
   Completion of a master’s or higher degree earned at any time, in an area appropriate to education, from a regionally accredited college or university.

   OR

   Option B – Professional Learning
   One of the following earned since the issue date of the most recent Provisional (Standard) Teaching Certificate AND within 5 years preceding the date of application:

   • 6 semester hours in a planned course of study at an approved Educator Preparation Institution; or

   • 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the grade level and content endorsement(s) of the certificate earned from a college or university that is regionally accredited by one of the agencies listed in the Council for Higher Education Accreditation Directory; or
• **150** Michigan State Continuing Education Clock Hours (**SCECHs**) appropriate to the grade level and content endorsement(s) of the certificate; or

• **150** hours of Michigan District Provided Professional Development (**DPPD**) appropriate to the grade level and content endorsement(s) of the certificate; or

• Combination of semester credit hours, SCECHs, and/or DPPD appropriate to grade level endorsement totaling **150 hours**.

**Professional Learning Conversion:**

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

**Applying for Certification:**

All applications must be submitted through the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS)](http://www.moecestate.com). All professional learning hours, with the exception of the earned master’s degree, must be entered into MOECS prior to applying for the renewal in order for the system to recognize your eligibility. For guidance on logging your DPPD refer to the [Logging Your DPPD into MOECS](http://www.moecestate.com) document.

**Note:** The above information is valid for those applying for the Professional Educational Certificate before July 1, 2018. For those applying after July 1, 2018, please use [this guidance document](http://www.moecestate.com).