

Progressing to the Occupational Education Certificate

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

Requirements for Progression:

- 3 years of successful teaching since the issue date of the initial Interim Occupational Certificate, within the content areas and grade level of the your Interim Occupational Certificate.
- Reading Diagnostics: 3 semester credit hours of reading diagnostics and remediation, which includes a field experience.

-AND-

One of the following earned since the issue date of the most recent certificate **AND** within 5 years preceding the date of application.

Completion of a master's or higher degree earned at any time from a regionally accredited college or university.

-OR-

- 6 semester credit hours in a planned program 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 at this site: <http://www.chea.org/Directories/regional.asp>; 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 totaling 150 hours.

Professional Learning 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

***Please note:** All professional learning hours, with the exception of the earned master's degree, must be entered into the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#) **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](#) document.