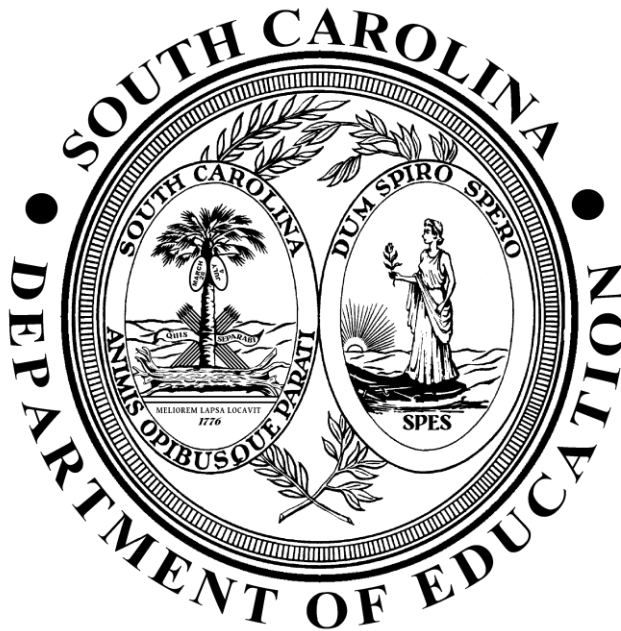


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2020-21 Addendum

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Introduction

Pursuant to [State Board of Education \(SBE\) Regulation 43-50](#), Persons Required to Hold a Teaching Certificate, “each individual employed in an instructional, classroom teaching position or who serves in a position designed for the support of the instructional program of this state must hold an appropriate South Carolina teaching credential.” *Required Credentials for Professional Staff Members in the Instructional Programs of South Carolina’s Public Schools (Required Credentials)* provides a listing of the acceptable credentials for educators working in various settings and roles and those teaching specific courses and grade levels.

Even if a specific position or course is not listed in *Required Credentials*, an individual employed in an instructional, classroom teaching position or serving in a position designed for the support of the instructional program must hold a valid South Carolina educator certificate.

This addendum provides guidance updates to districts and includes the required credentials for courses added to the Activity Coding System for 2020-21.

Guidance for the 2020-21 School Year

South Carolina educators must be appropriately certified for the positions they hold and the courses and grade levels to which they are assigned. An educator who is assigned for any period of time in a course or grade-level for which he or she is not appropriately certified is considered to be assigned out-of-field.

Face-to-Face, Hybrid, and Virtual Classroom Settings

To be considered teaching in-field, any educator designated in PowerSchool as the teacher for a specific course must be appropriately certified in the subject area and grade level of the course or must hold a certification permit. This requirement applies to teachers regardless of the setting or modality in which they are teaching.

Certification Permits

Pursuant to § 59-5-75 and [SBE Regulation 43-53, Credential Classification](#), the SBE has established [guidelines](#) for the issuance of certification permits for educators in classroom teaching, service, and leadership fields. An educator who qualifies for and is issued a certification permit in a specific certification field is considered to be appropriately certified for assignment to associated courses and roles.

Certification permits may be issued to eligible educators in the following areas:

- all classroom teaching fields,
- all leadership and administrative fields,
- designated service fields of
 - School Librarian and
 - School Counselor.

Please note that certification permits are not issued in the fields of School Psychologist and Speech-Language Pathologist.

The deadline for districts to request a certification permit for the 2020-21 school year is April 30, 2021; however, districts are encouraged to submit permit requests to the SCDE Office of Educator Services as early as possible.

Certification Proviso for Middle Level and First Grade

Pursuant to Continuing Resolution, [Proviso 1.67](#) of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019-20 remains in effect for the 2020-21 school year. This proviso allows educators certified in a high school content area to teach the same content area in seventh or eighth grade without adding Middle Level certification. Additionally, the proviso allows teachers certified in Elementary Education to teach first grade without adding Early Childhood certification.

Changes in Certification Fields

On June 9, 2020, the SBE approved updated guidelines for [South Carolina Certification Fields and Specialized Endorsements](#), the comprehensive listing of all certification fields and endorsements that may be issued on an educator certificate. Key changes relevant for the current school year are summarized below.

School Librarian

Effective July 1, 2020, the certification field of Library Media Specialist has been retitled as School Librarian. The SCDE has updated educator certificates to reflect this change, based on a shift in the naming convention now used in the field, national standards, professional associations, and publications.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Effective July 1, 2020, the SCDE no longer issues educator certificates in the field of Speech-Language Therapist. Consistent with current [SBE Regulation 43-64, Initial Certification at the Advanced Level](#), and changes in the SLP licensing statute effective September 1, 2020, the SCDE only issues an educator certificate to individuals who have completed a master's level preparation program for Speech-Language Pathologists approved by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

An individual holding an educator credential in Speech-Language Therapist may retain that certification field by meeting certificate renewal requirements and may continue to serve in their current roles.

An individual holding an educator certificate in Speech-Language Therapist may initiate an evaluation to determine eligibility to add the area of Speech-Language Pathologist by submitting a request form and a copy of the professional SLP license issued by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

All SLPs working in public school settings must hold a valid South Carolina educator certificate. This includes SLPs employed directly by school districts and, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, SLPs employed by a third-party provider. Additional information on [educator certification for SLPs](#) is available on the SCDE website.

Business and Marketing Education

Effective July 1, 2021, the SCDE will begin issuing educator certificates in the field of Business and Marketing Education, replacing the current field of Business/Marketing/Computer Technology. This updated title aligns with naming conventions in the field of business and marketing education and also recognizes the additional certification field of Computer Science approved by the SBE in January 2017.

Course Changes for 2020-21

General Information

The following pages include the acceptable certification field(s) and any mandatory attendant training for educators assigned to teach courses new or updated in the Activity Coding System for 2020-21.

Credit-bearing Courses

All credit-bearing courses are listed in the Grades 9–12 section of this document. Credit-bearing courses carry the same activity codes if taught in Grades 7 and 8.

A credit-bearing course that is not listed in the Grades 9–12 section of this document is either a locally designed elective course approved by the local board of trustees or a locally designed subject-area course approved by the SCDE. The required credentials for teachers of locally designed elective courses are determined by the local board of trustees.

Teachers of Credit-bearing Courses in Grades 7 and 8

Teachers of credit-bearing courses in grades 7 and 8 must hold either middle level/middle school certification in the content area or high school certification in the content area. Additionally, teachers of credit-bearing courses in grades 7 and 8 must demonstrate content competency with a qualifying score on the middle level or high school Praxis assessment for the subject area or on a previously adopted assessment (e.g., the National Teacher Exam).

Middle Level or Middle School certification is acceptable for a teacher assigned to teach one of the following courses in a high school setting: English 1, Algebra 1, and Geometry. The teacher must have demonstrated content competency with a qualifying score on the middle level or high school Praxis assessment for the subject area or on a previously adopted assessment (e.g., the National Teacher Exam).

Grade-level Certification

When the abbreviation GLC is used for the certification code of a course, any certification appropriate to the grade-level of the students is acceptable.

Certification Fields no Longer Issued

The acceptable certification fields for a course may include areas that are no longer issued on educator certificates. In such an instance, the retired field is designated by an asterisk (*) and remains an acceptable certification area for a specific course so long as the educator holds a valid credential.

Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 6

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
1780	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Design and Modeling	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1781	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Automation and Robotics	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1782	PLTW Gateway to Technology: App Creators	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1783	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Energy and the Environment	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1784	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Flight and Space	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1785	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Computer Science for Innovators and Makers	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1786	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Science of Technology	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1787	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Magic of Electrons	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1788	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Green Architecture	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
1789	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Medical Detectives	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training

Grades 7 and 8

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
2780	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Design and Modeling	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2781	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Automation and Robotics	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2782	PLTW Gateway to Technology: App Creators	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2783	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Energy and the Environment	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2784	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Flight and Space	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2785	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Computer Science for Innovators and Makers	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2786	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Science of Technology	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2787	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Magic of Electrons	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2788	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Green Architecture	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2789	PLTW Gateway to Technology: Medical Detectives	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required PLTW training
2845	Fundamentals of Science and Technology	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required SREB training
2846	Applications of Science and Technology	GLC	Grade-level certification + Required SREB training

Grades 9–12

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
301M	IB Language A: Language and Literature SL Seminar	04	English + IB training in the specific subject
301N	IB Language A: Language and Literature SL	04	English + IB training in the specific subject
301O	IB Language A: Language and Literature HL 2	04	English + IB training in the specific subject
301P	IB Literature and Performance SL-2	04	English + IB training in the specific subject
301Q	IB Language A: Language and Literature HL-1	04	English + IB training in the specific subject
312B	IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL-2	10	Mathematics + IB training in the specific subject
312F	IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL-2	10	Mathematics + IB training in the specific subject
3306	Modern and World History	20	Social Studies
3306	Modern and World History	21	History
3307	Human Geography	24	Geography
3307	Human Geography	21	History
3307	Human Geography	20	Social Studies
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	23	Economic
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	20	Social Studies
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	47	Business Education*
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	40	Commerce*
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	44	Accounting and Related Business*
3308	Economics and Personal Finance	48	Accounting and Related Economics*

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
9364	AICE History A Level (9489)	21	History Cambridge training recommended
9364	AICE History A Level (9489)	20	Social Studies Cambridge training recommended
9365	AICE History AS Level (9489)	21	History Cambridge training recommended
9365	AICE History AS Level (9489)	20	Social Studies Cambridge training recommended
331D	IB Geography SL-1	24	Geography + IB training in the specific subject
331D	IB Geography SL-1	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
337A	IB Individuals and Societies: Global Politics SL-1	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
337B	IB Individuals and Societies: Global Politics SL-2	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
337C	IB Individuals and Societies: Global Politics HL-1	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
337D	IB Individuals and Societies: Global Politics HL-2	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
338R	IB Social Anthropology SL-1	20	Social Studies + IB training in the specific subject
361L	IB Language A: French Literature SL-1	05	French + IB training in the specific subject
361M	IB French ab initio SL-1	05	French + IB training in the specific subject
361N	IB French B SL-1	05	French + IB training in the specific subject
362L	IB Language A: German Literature SL-1	08	German + IB training in the specific subject
362M	IB German ab initio SL-1	08	German + IB training in the specific subject
362N	IB German B SL-1	08	German + IB training in the specific subject
363E	IB Latin SL-1	06	Latin + IB training in the specific subject
365L	IB Language A: Spanish Literature SL-1	07	Spanish + IB training in the specific subject
366J	IB Language A: Japanese Literature SL-1	5B	Japanese + IB training in the specific subject

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
366K	IB Japanese ab initio SL-1	5B	Japanese + IB training in the specific subject
366L	IB Japanese B SL-1	5B	Japanese + IB training in the specific subject
461K	IB Language A Chinese Literature SL-1	5D	Chinese + IB training in the specific subject
461L	IB Chinese ab initio SL-1	5D	Chinese + IB training in the specific subject

Career and Technical Education

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	79	Computer Science Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	10	Mathematics Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	12	Science Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	40	Commerce* Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	46	Data/Information Processing* Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	44	Accounting and Related Business* Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	48	Accounting and Related Economics* Cambridge training recommended
9703	AICE Computer Science A Level (9618)	47	Business Education* Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	79	Computer Science Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	10	Mathematics Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	12	Science Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	40	Commerce* Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	46	Data/Information Processing* Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	44	Accounting and Related Business* Cambridge training recommended
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	48	Accounting and Related Economics* Cambridge training recommended

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
9704	AICE Computer Science AS Level (9618)	47	Business Education* Cambridge training recommended
5049	Advanced Business Law	4B	Business /Marketing /Computer Technology
5049	Advanced Business Law	44	Accounting and Related Business*
5049	Advanced Business Law	48	Accounting and Related Economics*
5049	Advanced Business Law	47	Business Education*
5049	Advanced Business Law	40	Commerce*
5049	Advanced Business Law	46	Data/Information Processing*
5049	Advanced Business Law	32	Distributive Education*
5049	Advanced Business Law	GLC	Grade-level certification +SC paralegal certification
6570	Foundation of Leadership	4B	Business /Marketing /Computer Technology
6570	Foundation of Leadership	44	Accounting and Related Business*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	48	Accounting and Related Economics*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	47	Business Education*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	40	Commerce*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	46	Data/Information Processing*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	32	Distributive Education*
6570	Foundation of Leadership	LE	Law Enforcement
6570	Foundation of Leadership	ROTC	ROTC Instructor
6570	Foundation of Leadership	NC+	Additional courses or training approved by OCTE
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	4B	Business /Marketing /Computer Technology

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	44	Accounting and Related Business*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	48	Accounting and Related Economics*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	47	Business Education*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	40	Commerce*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	46	Data/Information Processing*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	32	Distributive Education*
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	LE	Law Enforcement
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	ROTC	ROTC Instructor
6571	Principles of Public Management and Administration	GLC	Grade-level certification + courses/training approved by OCTE
6572	Community and Regional Planning	4B	Business /Marketing /Computer Technology
6572	Community and Regional Planning	44	Accounting and Related Business*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	48	Accounting and Related Economics*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	47	Business Education*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	40	Commerce*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	46	Data/Information Processing*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	32	Distributive Education*
6572	Community and Regional Planning	LE	Law Enforcement
6572	Community and Regional Planning	ROTC	ROTC Instructor
6572	Community and Regional Planning	GLC	Grade-level certification + courses/training approved by OCTE
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	4B	Business /Marketing /Computer Technology

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	44	Accounting and Related Business*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	48	Accounting and Related Economics*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	47	Business Education*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	40	Commerce*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	46	Data/Information Processing*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	32	Distributive Education*
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	LE	Law Enforcement
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	ROTC	ROTC Instructor
6580	Government and Public Administration Internship, work-based credit	GLC	Grade-level certification + courses/training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	44	Accounting and Related Business* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	48	Accounting and Related Economics* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	47	Business Education* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	40	Commerce* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	46	Data/Information Processing* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	32	Distributive Education* + training approved by OCTE
6526	Legal Systems Technology 1	GLC	Grade-level certification + courses/training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology + training approved by OCTE

Activity Code	Course Title	Certification Code	Certification Field
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	44	Accounting and Related Business* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	48	Accounting and Related Economics* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	47	Business Education* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	40	Commerce* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	46	Data/Information Processing* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	32	Distributive Education* + training approved by OCTE
6527	Legal Systems Technology 2	GLC	Grade-level certification + courses/training approved by OCTE