

Private Academic Certificate – Nursery/Kindergarten Teacher and Assistant Teacher

Section 53.21. Teachers.

In addition to the general requirements of Sections 55.31 and 55.34 (relating to general expectations; and certification for teachers), to be certificated by the board as a nursery school or kindergarten teacher, a prospective teacher shall comply with one of the following requirements:

Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university with a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in early childhood education.

Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university and submit documentary evidence of the successful completion of a minimum of 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood or elementary education.

Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university and submit documentary evidence of at least 2 years successful experience as a teacher in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed or accredited nursery or kindergarten school.

Section 53.22. Assistant Teachers.

To be a certificated as an assistant teacher, a prospective teacher shall comply with one of the following requirements:

Be a graduate of an approved 2-year college or university having specialized in child development, early childhood or elementary education.

Be a graduate of an approved 2-year college or university and submit documentary evidence of successful completion of a minimum of 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood or elementary education.

Have completed a minimum of 2 years of college or university credit, totaling 60 credits, in an approved institution and submit documentary evidence of successful completion of a minimum of 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood and elementary education.

Assistant teachers may become certificated as teachers upon submitting documentary evidence of the completion of 2 years of teaching on the assistant teacher certificate in a nonpublic nonlicensed, a licensed or accredited nursery school or kindergarten, and a minimum of an additional 24 semester hours in the theory of child development, early childhood and elementary education at an approved college or university.