

Rule 5123-10-05
Early Intervention Program - Developmental Specialist Certification
Effective July 1, 2021

1-year certification has 2 tracks:

	Obtaining Initial Certification (“Initial” means the first time the certification is applied for under the DS certification rule 5123-10-05)	Maintaining Certification (Renewal after initial certification under 5123-10-05)
<p>1-Year Certification - Track I</p> <p>For person holding 1-year Developmental Specialist certification issued prior to new rule who is within 1 year of completing 6 college courses/seminars required for 5-year certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-year certification must be in effect • Must be employed as developmental specialist • Must have completed 5 of the 6 required college courses/seminars • Apply for 1-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) 	<p>During first year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 6th college course/seminar • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) <p>NOTE: 10 DS orientation modules (see page three) are required prior to application for 5 year certification.</p>
<p>1-Year Certification - Track II</p> <p>For person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding 1-year Developmental Specialist certification issued prior to new rule who does not qualify for Track I • With offer of employment or employed as Developmental Specialist who does not qualify for 5-year certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed or receive offer of employment as developmental specialist by employer that arranges for and ensures active participation in evidence-based practice coaching • Must meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Related bachelor's or graduate degree ○ Any bachelor's or graduate degree <u>and</u> 2 years paid experience working with children birth through age 5 with disabilities, developmental delays, or diagnosed physical or mental conditions ○ Any bachelor's or graduate degree <u>and</u> valid license in related field • Must have completed 10 Developmental Specialist Orientation modules (listed on page 3 of this document) • Must have completed Department-provided training in Infant and Toddler Development • Apply for 1-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration if applicable) 	<p>During first year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start actively participating in evidence-based practice coaching within 6 months • Complete at least 3 college courses or seminars required for 5-year certification including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation and Assessment ○ Infant/Toddler Growth and Development ○ Individualized Family Service Plan Development, Intervention Planning, and Service Delivery <p>During second year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 12 months of evidence-based practice coaching • Complete remaining college courses/seminars • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration)

5-year certification has 3 tracks:

	<p align="center">Obtaining Certification (“Initial” means the first time the certification is applied for under the DS certification rule 5123-10-05)</p>	<p align="center">Maintaining Certification (Renewal after initial certification under 5123-10-05)</p>
<p>5-Year Certification - Track I</p> <p>For person holding 5-year or 10-year Developmental Specialist or Early Intervention Supervisor certification issued prior to new rule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-year or 10-year certification must be in effect • Must have met professional development requirements to renew existing 5-year or 10-year certification • Must have completed 10 Developmental Specialist Orientation modules (listed on page 3 of this document) • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) 	<p>To renew first time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Principles of Special Instruction • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development (Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development) • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) <p>To renew thereafter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration)
<p>5-Year Certification - Track II</p> <p>For person holding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related degree; or • Any degree with 2 years of related experience; or • Any degree with related license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Related bachelor's or graduate degree ○ Any bachelor's or graduate degree <u>and</u> 2 years paid experience working with children birth through age 5 with disabilities, developmental delays, or diagnosed physical or mental conditions ○ Any bachelor's or graduate degree <u>and</u> valid license in related field • Must have completed 10 Developmental Specialist Orientation modules (listed on page 3 of this document) • Must have completed college course/seminar in each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation and Assessment ○ Infant/Toddler Growth and Development ○ Individualized Family Service Plan Development, Intervention Planning, and Service Delivery ○ Disabilities and Risk Factors From Birth ○ Family-Centered Services and Supports ○ Team Collaboration • Apply for 5-year certification 	<p>To renew first time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Principles of Special Instruction • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development (Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development) • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) <p>To renew thereafter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration)

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5-Year Certification - Track III For person holding credential issued by another state or U.S. territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have met state-approved or recognized certification, licensure, registration, or other comparable requirements to provide special instruction via an early intervention individualized family service plan in a state other than Ohio or a U.S. territory within the past 6 months • Must have completed 10 Developmental Specialist Orientation modules (listed below) • Apply for 5-year certification 	To renew first time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Principles of Special Instruction • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development (Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development) • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration) To renew thereafter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 50 hours of professional development <u>and</u> work at least 4,000 hours as a developmental specialist ○ Complete 80 hours of professional development • Apply for 5-year certification (30-90 days prior to expiration)

Note: The renewal window opens 90 days from the expiration of certification. Submission of application 30 -90 days before expiration date is advised. Applications received fewer than 10 business days from certification expiration date **may not** be processed prior to expiration. No developmental specialist may provide early intervention services without a valid certification.

Developmental Specialist Orientation modules:

1. Introduction to Early Intervention Services (EI-064)
2. Mission and Key Principles of Early Intervention (EI-068)
3. Family-Centered Early Intervention Practices (EI-069)
4. Individualized Family Service Plan Process (EI-076)
5. Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (EI-067)
6. Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards in Early Intervention (EI-066)
7. Primary Service Provider Approach to Teaming in Early Intervention (EI-074)
8. Natural Learning Environment Practices (EI-075)
9. Assessment Practices (EI-117)
10. Coaching in Early Intervention (EI-100)