

# Computer Science Certificate of Eligibility

Endorsement Code: 1820

This endorsement authorizes the holder to teach computer science, as described in Standard 8.1 of the   
New Jersey Student Learning Standards, in all New Jersey public schools.

The Certificate of Eligibility (CE) is issued to an individual who has not completed a teacher preparation program but meets the basic requirements for certification, including academic study and applicable test requirements.

## Degree Requirement

A minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required from an accredited college or university.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement

**Note**: Degree must be in an eligible baccalaureate degree program or higher.

Minimum GPA by Graduation Date

| **Candidate Graduation Date** | **Minimum Cumulative GPA**  **(when 4.00 equals an A)** |
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| Before September 1, 2016 | 2.75 |
| On or after September 1, 2016\* | 3.00 |

\*There are [GPA flexibility rules](https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/testing/flex/) in place for those who graduated on or after September 1, 2016 where a Praxis test score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

## Subject Matter Preparation

### Credit Requirements

* A minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of computer science. At least 12 of the 30 credits must be at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level).
* Methodology Course - Three credits, or equivalent, in a methods of teaching computer science course offered by an accredited college or university within 12 months of the initial computer science teaching assignment. The methods course may be included in the 30 credit hours of computer science coursework. All other courses in pedagogy or education are not acceptable.

### Acceptable Courses

The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the computer science subject matter is based on content standards found in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

## Praxis II Test Requirement

[Test Requirements for Certification in New Jersey](https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/testing/req/index.shtml)

## Basic Skills Assessment Requirement

[Teacher Candidate Basic Skills Requirement](https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/testing/basicskills/index.shtml)

## Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:

1. Present evidence of basic military training.
2. Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on an accredited two- or four-year college or university transcript.
3. Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file to take this test.