# Latin Certificate of Eligibility (Endorsement Code: 1540)

Note: this document is made in accordance with the rules currently in effect. Requirements, passing test scores, and fees are subject to change without notice.

This endorsement entitles the holder to teach Latin in all public schools.

## Degree Requirement

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

## Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement

New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a state-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.

**Note:** there are GPA Flexibility Rules where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

## Subject Matter Preparation

For certification as a Latin teacher, current regulations require that applicants complete a minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of Latin. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level).

Examples of courses accepted for Latin include Latin language and culture. Related courses may be accepted depending on the course description or content. Provide a course description if a course is not taken from the Latin Department. Courses in pedagogy or education are not accepted towards the subject matter preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards Latin subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the New Jersey Licensing Code. All credits must appear on an accredited two- or four-year college or university transcript.

## Testing Requirements

### Latin Test Requirement

Candidates must complete the Latin Test for Teacher Certification which meets the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards for reading and writing at the Advanced Level. The test assumes a comprehensive knowledge of the Latin language and Roman culture. There are 100 multiple choice questions. Eighty questions are on the Latin language and 20 questions are on Roman culture, mythology, history and daily life. The passing grade is 75. To arrange for an administration of the test, contact Dr. Mary English, Chairperson, Department of Classics and General Humanities, Montclair State University, [englishm@montclair.edu](mailto:englishm@montclair.edu). There must be a Latin certification application on file with the New Jersey Department of Education in order to take the test.

### Basic Skills Assessment Requirement

**(choose one)**

All candidates applying for their initial CE must pass a Commissioner-approved test of basic skills. Scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the New Jersey Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exams.

**Or**

Score in the top one-half percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency.

## 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.

## Fee Requirement

* No checks or money orders will be accepted.
* Make the payment online.
* If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of $70.
* All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable.