

Bible Specialist Requirements

TEMPORARY Valid 2 years (renewable)	STANDARD Valid 5 years (renewable)	PROFESSIONAL Valid 5 years (renewable)
<p><i>Degree Requirement:</i> Bachelor's from an accredited* college</p> <p>*accrediting agency must be approved by CHEA or the US DOE</p>	<p><i>Degree Requirement:</i> Bachelor's from an accredited* college</p> <p>*accrediting agency must be approved by CHEA or the US DOE</p>	<p><i>Degree Requirement:</i> Master's from an accredited* college</p> <p>*accrediting agency must be approved by CHEA or the US DOE</p>
<p><i>Educational Studies Requirement:</i> Not required for Temporary certificate</p>	<p><i>Educational Studies Requirement:</i> Not required for Standard certificate</p>	<p><i>Educational Studies Requirement – 9 hours:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 semester hours of college credit in teacher education coursework*
<p><i>Biblical Studies Requirement:</i> 18 semester hours in approved Bible coursework</p>	<p><i>Biblical Studies Requirement:</i> 36 semester hours in approved Bible coursework</p>	<p><i>Biblical Studies Requirement:</i> 39 semester hours in approved Bible coursework</p>
<p><i>Christian Philosophy of Education (CPoE) Requirement:</i> Not required for initial certification</p>	<p><i>Christian Philosophy of Education (CPoE) Requirement:</i> Required</p>	<p><i>Christian Philosophy of Education (CPoE) Requirement:</i> Required</p>
<p><i>Example of Renewal Requirements:</i></p> <p>Complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 semester hours of college credit in Bible CPoE requirement <p><i>Requirements will be listed on the bottom of the certification certificate.</i></p>	<p><i>Renewal Requirements:</i></p> <p>Complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 semester hours or 5 CEUs in Biblical studies (until you have 39 semester hours of Bible)[‡] 2 semester hours or 5 CEUs in educational/professional studies <p><i>Requirements will be listed on the bottom of the certification certificate.</i></p>	<p><i>Renewal Requirements:</i></p> <p>Complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 semester hours or 5 CEUs in educational studies <p><i>Requirements will be listed on the bottom of the certification certificate.</i></p>

The Bible Specialist certificate covers kindergarten (age 5) through grades 12.

* See page 2 for description of courses to fulfill this requirement

[‡]Bible CEUs do not apply towards the 39 semester hours of college credit required in biblical studies. Once a teacher earns 39 semester hours (any combination of college or graduate credit) they have met the requirements for a waiver of Bible credits for the Bible Specialist Certificate. They no longer have to earn Bible credits for future renewal or upgrades.

Helpful Information

Initial Certification:

1. Submit application and fee as listed. (available through the [ACSI website](#))
2. Submit transcript(s) showing college name, location, degree granted, and date degree was granted. A copy of a **diploma** does **NOT** serve as proof of a degree. A clear photocopy of a transcript is acceptable as long as the name(s) and location(s) of the college/university, and the degree(s) and date(s) of degree(s) are printed by the college/university on all transcripts submitted. **As of September 1, 2018, ACSI only accepts official transcripts. If you are completing the online application, you may upload a digital file of the original copy of your official transcript.**

Renewal Information:

All renewals/upgrades require an application and the fee. Send all renewal/upgrade materials together. Do **NOT** send individually without an application and fee or they will be returned to you.

1. To receive credit for college coursework, ACSI will accept a transcript (official or copy of official) that includes the applicant's name, college name, location, course name, credits received and date of completion.
2. Detailed information concerning CEUs can be found on the [ACSI website](#).
3. To receive CEU credit for in-services, workshops, conferences, and/or Bible studies, etc., content must be pre-approved through the online CEU approval process and credit issued by an ACSI-approved CEU provider. Please submit copies of your CEU certificates or mark on the certification application that your CEUs are located in your VPP (Virtual Professional Portfolio) on ConNEXUS. CEUs uploaded to your VPP **do not** have to be printed. **Please note: All CEUs issued by ACSI-approved K-12 Provider Schools must be uploaded to your VPP. ACSI will no longer accept paper CEUs issued by ACSI schools starting January 1, 2018. Paper CEUs issued prior to this date will still be accepted as long as the course has been approved.**
4. Keep a photocopy of each item sent to ACSI, or send photocopies and keep originals.
5. **Educational course work can include: Classroom Management, Curriculum Development, Educational Assessments, Teaching Bible, Differentiated Learning, Improving Student Thinking, Cooperative Learning in the Classroom, etc.** If you have questions about a specific course, please contact the ACSI Certification Office.

Lifetime Certification:

A Lifetime certificate will be issued after 10 years at the Professional level; submission of renewal requirements; and verification of 10 years working in a Christian school setting.

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