

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 <u>first time</u> 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 (EI-071) • 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:

	Obtaining Certification ("Initial" means the <u>first time</u> the certification is applied for under the DS certification rule 5123-10-05)	Maintaining Certification (Renewal after initial certification under 5123-10-05)
<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 <p>(Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>(Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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<p>5-Year Certification - Track III</p> <p>For person holding credential issued by another state or U.S. territory</p>	<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 	<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 <p>(Principles of Special Instruction may be counted toward professional development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

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. Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Mandated Reporting Requirements (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)

Developmental Specialist Application Checklists:

- [5-Year, Track I](#)
- [Initial 1-Year, Track II](#)
- [Initial 5-Year, Track II](#)
- [Renewal 1-Year, Track I](#)
- [Renewal 5-Year](#)