

Educator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Computer Science and STEM Grades K-5 Add-on

All five requirements below must be completed to add "Computer Science and STEM K-5" to an existing, valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

Eligibility requirements:	Yes	No	Course Code or Exam Number									
1. Valid* OS, Level 1, Type C, or higher teaching certificate												
2. One of the following: a. Pass the K-5 Computer Science and STEM Praxis exam. b. Earn 21 credit hours in computer science and STEM content with a minimum of 3 semester hours in computer science or educational technology. If using coursework in lieu of the exam, list course codes and numbers. Courses must be reflected on official transcripts with a grade of C or better to be used for certification purposes. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <table border="1" style="width: 20%; height: 40px;"> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 20%; height: 40px;"> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 20%; height: 40px;"> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table> </div> c. Successfully complete a BESE-approved micro-credential Computer Science and STEM Grades K-5 training program. (<i>Program anticipated to be available Fall 2025.</i>)												Exam _____
			Total Hours _____									
			Micro-credential _____									
3. Earn passing score for Praxis – Principles of Learning & Teaching K-6 exam												
4. Nine (9) semester hours in the teaching of reading and literacy. Equivalent contact hours from a non-university private teacher preparation program are acceptable for endorsement purposes. One semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours. Successful completion of the BESE-approved literacy foundations training (include training completion certificate) may be accepted for the number of hours approved per program.												
			Literacy Foundations									
5. Earn a passing score on Praxis - Teaching of Reading: Elementary (5205) or Teaching of Reading: Elementary Subtest (7002).			Exam _____									

**Verify certificate is valid (not expired) before requesting an add-on endorsement. If the certificate has expired or is nearing expiration, consult with the Louisiana employing school system to make the certificate valid BEFORE submitting application for add-on endorsement.*

Literacy coursework hours **and** an elementary reading exam are required.

To add an area/endorsement to a teaching certificate use the [Evaluation, Add-On, Course Approval, & Name Change Application \(EV\)](#) packet. Submit the request with all applicable items listed in the application packet checklist, as one PDF, through the online certification portal.

Signature of Applicant: <i>I have reviewed requirements above and request evaluation for this endorsement.</i> _____ Date _____

For Certification Office use only: Evaluating Specialist _____ Date _____
