

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

15.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words to their definitions.

1. major	a. authorized or permitted by law or regulation, often requiring passing an exam or meeting other qualifications.
2. master's degree	b. an undergraduate academic degree awarded by a college or university after completing a specific course of study.
3. student teaching	c. officially recognized as having met certain standards or requirements, often through testing or training.
4. bachelor's degree	d. a period of supervised teaching experience for students pursuing a career in education.
5. diploma	e. a person who has successfully completed a course of study at a college or university.
6. certified	f. a graduate academic degree awarded by a college or university after completing advanced coursework and/or a thesis in a specific field of study.
7. licensed	g. the education of young children, typically from birth to age 8, focusing on their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.
8. education	h. the main subject or field of study that a student focuses on in college or university.
9. graduate	i. a document given to someone who has successfully completed a course of study, usually at a high school or trade school level.
10. early childhood education	j. the process of acquiring knowledge and skills through teaching, learning, or research.

Ex. 2. Translate the sentences into English.

1. Я получаю степень бакалавра в области управления бизнесом.

2. Она сертифицирована для преподавания английского языка в средней школе.
3. После окончания средней школы он получил диплом в области автомобильных технологий.
4. Правительство больше инвестирует в образование, чтобы повысить уровень грамотности.
5. У нее страсть к работе с маленькими детьми, и она выбрала дошкольное образование в качестве своей специальности.
6. После четырех лет напряженной работы она, наконец, получит диплом психолога.
7. Чтобы заниматься юридической практикой, необходимо получить государственную лицензию после сдачи экзамена на адвоката.
8. Ее специальностью в колледже была биология, но она также посещала множество курсов по химии.
9. Он планирует получить степень магистра в области инженерии после получения степени бакалавра.
10. В рамках своего обучения будущие учителя должны пройти семестр обучения студентов, прежде чем они смогут получить свою лицензию.

15.2. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

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To work as a kindergarten teacher, you typically need a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, but in some cases, an associate's degree or certification in early childhood education may be sufficient. Additionally, you must be certified to teach in your state and have completed a student teaching internship in a kindergarten classroom.

Education Requirements for Kindergarten Teachers

The minimum education requirement to become a kindergarten teacher is a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. This four-year program includes general education courses, such as math and science, as well as specialized courses in early childhood development and education. Some programs require students to

choose a concentration, such as special education or English as a second language (ESL). In addition to coursework, students complete a student teaching internship, during which they gain experience working with young children under the supervision of a licensed teacher.

In some states, an associate's degree or a certain number of college credits in early childhood education is sufficient to become a preschool teacher. However, many employers prefer to hire candidates who hold a bachelor's degree, even for these positions.

Certification and Licensing

All public school teachers, including kindergarten teachers, must be licensed by their state board of education. The specific requirements for licensure vary by state, but most states require candidates to hold a bachelor's degree and complete a teacher education program that includes a student teaching internship. Candidates must also pass a state-administered exam that tests their knowledge of teaching skills and subject matter.

Some states offer a separate license for preschool teachers who work in public schools, while others require preschool teachers to hold the same license as elementary school teachers. Private schools typically do not require teachers to be licensed, but they often prefer to hire candidates who are licensed or certified by a professional organization, such as the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Other Qualifications

In addition to completing the necessary education and licensing requirements, successful kindergarten teachers possess certain qualities and skills. They must have strong communication and organizational skills, as well as the ability to work effectively with young children and their parents. Patience, creativity, and a genuine love for working with children are also important qualities for kindergarten teachers to possess.

Ex. 2. Answer the questions.

1. What is the minimum education requirement to become a kindergarten teacher?
2. What courses are included in a bachelor's degree program in early childhood education?
3. What is a student teaching internship and why is it important for aspiring kindergarten teachers?

4. Are there any alternative education requirements for becoming a preschool teacher?
5. Why do many employers prefer to hire candidates with a bachelor's degree, even for preschool teaching positions?
6. What are the licensing requirements for public school kindergarten teachers?
7. Besides education and licensing, what other qualifications are important for successful kindergarten teachers?

15.3. Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words:

1. teachers/need/certification
2. Certification/important/professional
3. teachers/obtain/certification
4. requirements/dedication/commitment
5. certificate/increase/opportunities
6. states/require/certification
7. long/take/get
8. Certification/helps/improve
9. levels/certification/teachers
10. Teacher/salaries/cases