

## QUICK GUIDE - EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSIVE (ECI): CERTIFICATION & ENDORSEMENT

<b>UNDERGRADUATE ECI Professional Pathway (ECI PRO)</b>	<b>GRADUATE ECI Initial Certification Pathway</b>	<b>GRADUATE Certified Teachers Adding ECI Endorsement</b>
<b>Who it's for:</b> Individuals with an associates degree, CDA, or majority of general ed. completed	<b>Who it's for:</b> Individuals with a bachelors degree outside of education	<b>Who it's for:</b> Individuals with a bachelors degree in education but not certified.
<b>Requirements/Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 50–60 credit hours completed</li> <li>• Completion of general education or core prerequisites</li> <li>• Begin coursework through a flexible, career-aligned pathway</li> </ul>	<b>Requirements/Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll in graduate endorsement coursework</li> <li>• May qualify for an alternative permit through the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)</li> <li>• Must be enrolled in an approved educator preparation program</li> </ul>	<b>Requirements/Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior education courses may count toward endorsement requirements</li> <li>• May qualify for an alternative permit through the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)</li> <li>• Must be enrolled in an approved educator preparation program</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome:</b> Earn bachelor of science in Early Childhood Inclusive Education while working in the field.	<b>Outcome:</b> Eligible to be hired as a lead teacher with an alternative permit while completing final coursework before full endorsement is completed.	<b>Outcome:</b> Full licensure upon passing the Praxis II (#5024) OR completing all endorsement coursework.

**Note:** The Praxis II is not required for those completing an approved Nebraska Educator Preparation program, but still available for those who are currently certified in Nebraska and seeking to add endorsements through the the Praxis II test.