

Instructional Add-Ons

Individuals holding a Pennsylvania Instructional I, Instructional II or Pennsylvania Teacher Intern certificate may add most other instructional areas by taking and passing the appropriate Praxis II content area test and then submitting an application to the Bureau. All other certificate holder may not add on to their certificates using this method unless they also hold one of the three permitted certificate types specified above.

Instructional areas that may **NOT** be added by using the test only include: Cooperative Education, Early Childhood Education N-3, Elementary Education K-6, Grades Pre K-4, Grades 4-8, Health and Physical Education, Reading Specialist and all Special Education areas. Completion of an approved program and the appropriate subject assessment test are required to add an excluded instructional area, Educational Specialist, Supervisory, or Administrative certificate.

Apply for Instructional Add-ons online using TIMS (www.PA-TIMS.com) for an Instructional I (even if you hold an Instructional II certificate), select the subject, and answer yes to the next question. You must hold an Instructional I or Instructional II before you can apply for an add-on. Individuals seeking dual certification are required to successfully complete tests in both areas of specialization and **must submit a separate application for each subject.**

Please refer to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website (http://www.pde.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/instructional_add-ons/8632) for a review of the instructional add-on requirements and application process.

[Add-On Instructional Areas and Codes \(link to attached pdf document\)](#)