

The paths to recertification:

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Category Training	Certification in ELL	Core Coursework
Completed all or part of the Category 1-4 trainings successfully	Successful completion of the MTEL exam in ELL	Never did category training nor are certified ELL teachers
Category 3 does not count and you are required to complete either the Short or Long Bridge course work to complete your requirement for SEI certification	You are now certified as an ELL teacher	Must complete a 30 hour full RETELL course – you have priority if you are having to recertify in 2016.
Once you complete the bridge program successfully you are now done UNTIL the next time you certify	In order to maintain your ELL certification you will need to complete PDD credits in your professional field	Once you accomplish the course successfully, then you will need to demonstrate you have completed 15 hours of PDP training in ELL every 5 years for recertification
From now on, every time you recertify you will need to demonstrate you have completed 15 hrs. of PDP training in ELL.	However, some people received the certification and passed the exam but are not maintaining their ELL certification as a current license, therefore, they will need to complete the 15 hrs of PDP training in ELL every 5 years for recertification	

The PDP committee is trying to schedule courses for Westfield teachers because after 2016 the courses offered by the state will no longer be free. We are told not to worry – relax.

Notes: If you plan on continuing your educational career then following certification in 2016 you will need to complete the following in order to successfully recertify:

1. 15 PDPs in SPED
2. 15 PDPs in ELL