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Early Literacy Endorsement Training Frequently Asked Questions

How do I satisfy the 80-hour requirement?

By participating in the no-cost training through Keys to Literacy, Indiana educators have access to three components that together meet the 80-hour requirement.

There are three components to the Keys to Literacy offerings:

- **40-Hour Keys to Beginning Reading**
 - **Asynchronous online course**, registration opens on August 1, 2025
- **15-hour Keys to Early Writing (PreK-Grade 2) or Keys to Content Writing (Grade 3 and up) Online Course**
 - Please see this [FAQ](#) for accessing Teachable, the online LMS used to deliver the training.
- **25-hour Independent Learning Tasks**
 - Available to those who registered for the full 80 hours
 - Please see this [FAQ](#) for accessing Teachable, the online LMS used to deliver the training.

To register, see the offerings at Keys to Literacy's [Indiana landing page](#).

I have taken other training that I believe counts towards my 80-hour endorsement. What should I do?

Please see #12 on this [IDOE FAQ document](#).

How long will we have to complete the Keys to Literacy components?

We encourage participants to complete the online course and independent learning tasks within three months of course access being given; however, participants have until June 1, 2026, to complete the components.



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When will I get my certificate(s) for completing Keys to Literacy components?

Certificates are available for download at the end of each course. Participants will need to add their name and date of completion.

Will the Keys to Literacy PD prepare participants for taking the Praxis 5205?

Currently, Praxis content examinations are used as the measure of proficiency for making content additions to Indiana's professional educator licenses. For the early literacy endorsement in particular, the Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) Praxis exam was chosen based on its strong alignment to the science of reading, per the National Council on Teacher Quality. Indiana is now one of several states and territories where the exam is used, and all use the same cut score (159 or higher, which is 67 correct responses out of 107 possible raw points).

To help provide educators with tools focused on evidence-based instruction and ultimately ensure more students across the state gain essential literacy skills, training aligned to the science of reading is offered to Indiana educators at no cost through Keys to Literacy. Keys to Beginning Reading is a foundational course that is aligned with the science of reading and is structured around the five essential components of effective reading instruction as identified by the National Reading Panel: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. These components are also the foundation of the Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) Praxis exam.

By participating in the no-cost training through Keys to Literacy, Indiana educators will learn the foundational content assessed on the Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) Praxis exam. For a detailed overview, sample questions, and tips for studying, please visit the official [ETS website](#). Once educators register for the exam, an official practice test will also be provided by ETS.

How will current Indiana educators add the early literacy endorsement?

Please see #11 on this [IDOE FAQ document](#).



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How do I receive my certificate for the 25-hour Independent Learning Assignment?

In order to receive the certificate of completion for the 25-hour Independent Learning Assignment, you must first complete both the 40-hour Keys to Beginning Reading course as well as one of the 15-hour writing courses.