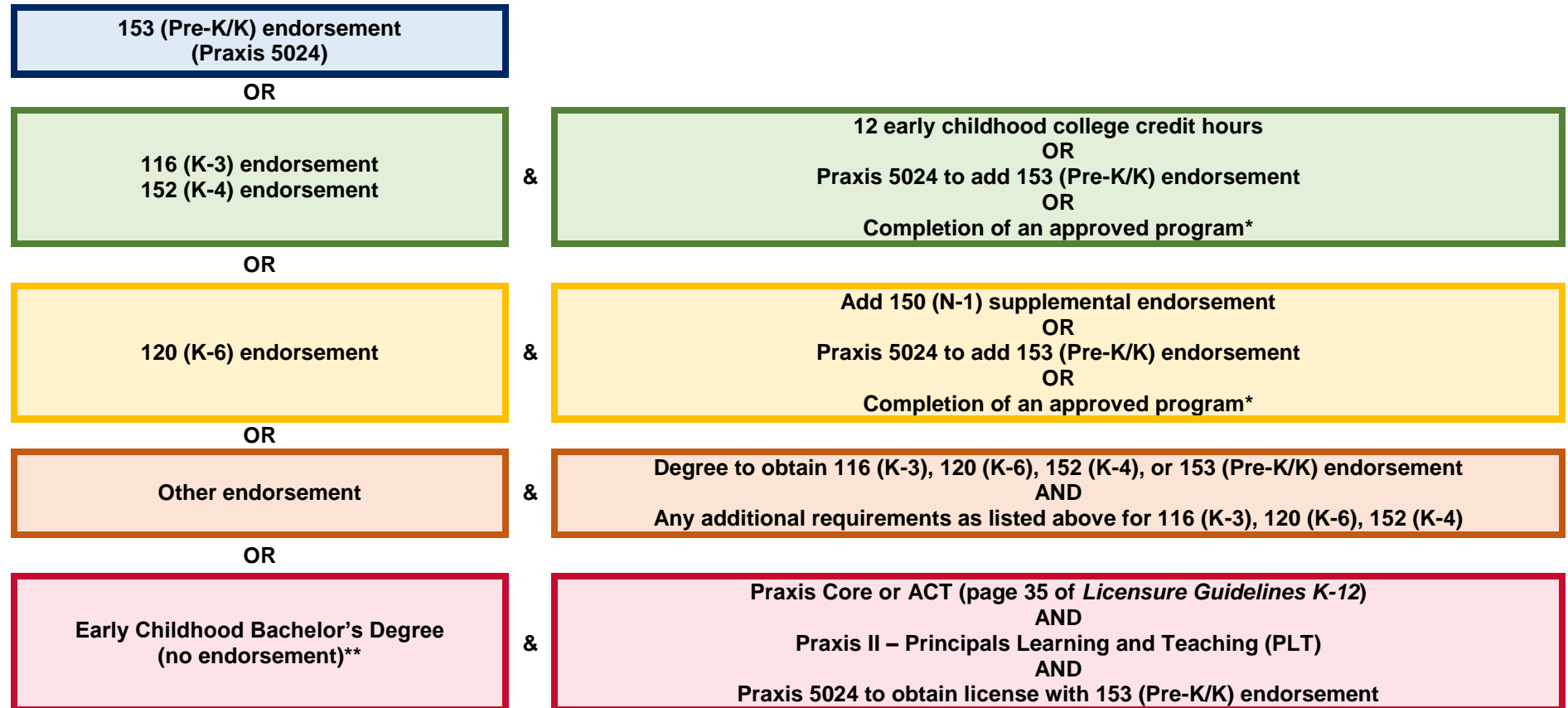




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Teachers are required to follow one of the pathways listed below:



*Approved programs include the Child Development Associate (CDA), National Board Pre-K Certification, Director's Credential, Montessori Credential, and the MDE's intensive specialized early childhood training program (122). MDE considers additional state, regional, or nationally approved programs upon request. Entities may submit program component documentation to earlychildhood@mdek12.org for consideration.

**Early Learning Collaborative teachers in sites that are not accredited by the MDE are not required to obtain a license, but must have a bachelor's degree in early childhood, complete at least 12 hours of early childhood college credit, or complete an approved early childhood program.

Fall 2018 Pre-K Assistant Teacher Credentialing

The pre-k teacher credentialing will change effective fall of 2018 as per the *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three- and Four-Year-Old Children*. The Office of Educator Licensure will continue to oversee the obtainment of endorsements. The Office of Early Childhood will be responsible for any other components of credentialing.

Assistant teachers are required to follow one of the pathways listed below:

Early Childhood Associate's Degree

OR

Associate's Degree

&

12 early childhood college credit hours

OR

Completion of an approved program*

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