

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising the qualifications to receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of occupational therapy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe the qualifications to receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of occupational therapy. These regulations allow a person who holds a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a field other than occupational therapy to qualify for such an endorsement if he or she has successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists which is accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association and meets certain other requirements. (NAC 391.277) This regulation removes the reference to the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation.

Existing regulations also require a person applying for such an endorsement to hold a certificate as an occupational therapist issued by the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board. (NAC 391.277) This regulation removes that requirement and instead requires such a person to hold a specialty certification in school systems issued by the American Occupational Therapy Association or its successor organization.

Section 1. NAC 391.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.277 1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of occupational therapy, a person must:

(a) Hold a:

- (1) Bachelor's degree in occupational therapy;
 - (2) Master's degree in occupational therapy; or
 - (3) Bachelor's or master's degree in any other field of study and have successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists which is accredited by ~~the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of~~ the American Medical Association *or its successor organization* in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association ~~+~~ *or its successor organization*;
- (b) Hold a license as an occupational therapist issued by the board of occupational therapy in this State; and
- (c) Hold a ~~certificate as an occupational therapist~~ *specialty certification in school systems* issued by the American Occupational Therapy ~~Certification Board~~ *Association or its successor organization*.
2. Such an endorsement is not required to teach pupils in a program of occupational therapy.