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NAC 391.315 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: General qualifications; renewal; *internship; provisional endorsement.* (NRS ~~385.080, 391.019~~)

1. To qualify for an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, a person must:

(a) ~~Have accomplished each of the following:~~

(1) Hold a ~~graduate~~ master's, equivalent, or more advanced degree, in school psychology

from an ~~a~~ regionally accredited institution;

~~(2) Have preparation in school psychology;~~

~~(3) Have successfully completed the areas of study listed in NAC 391.316;~~

~~(4) Have earned 60 semester hours of graduate credits in the areas of study listed in NAC ~~391.316 and 391.317~~; and~~

~~(5) Have completed an internship in school psychology as provided NAC 391.319;~~

~~(b) Hold a ~~certificate~~ *credential* as a nationally certified school psychologist *Nationally Certified School Psychologist* issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists *or its successor organization*; or~~

(c) Have completed a program approved by the ~~Board~~ *Commission* which prepares a person to be a school psychologist *and includes:*

(1) The Domains of Practice as described by the National Association of School Psychologists or its successor organization or as deemed equivalent by the Commission to the National Association of School Psychologists Domains of Practice; and

(2) A practicum experience that was:

(i) taken concurrently with or after his or her last required areas of study in the applicable area of training; and

(ii) supervised by a representative of the educational institution which sponsored the practicum and working with a person who holds an endorsement as a school psychologist and is employed by a school system which is approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction ~~district~~; and

~~(e)~~ *(3) Have completed an internship in school psychology as described in section*

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2. *A person who holds an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist is exempt from the basic competency exams in reading, writing, and mathematics as required in requirement of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.036.*

3. To renew an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, the holder of the endorsement must:

(a) Comply with the provisions of NAC 391.065 *for the license held by the person and complete the professional development consisting of:*

(1) *At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to ethics in the practice of school psychology;*

(2) *At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness or another course of instruction on suicide prevention and awareness; and*

(3) *At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion;* or

(b) ~~Hold~~ *Provide proof that the person holds a valid certificate of renewal as a nationally certified school psychologist* *Nationally Certified School Psychologist* issued by the ~~National School Psychology Certification System of the~~ National Association of School Psychologists *or its successor organization.*

4. *The internship in school psychology is prerequisite to a non-provisional endorsement as a school psychologist and must meet the criteria set forth in this section.*

(a) *The intern's period of service must be started concurrently with or after the last required training in the program of school psychology provided by the educational institution. The period must consist of at least two (2) full-time regular consecutive college/ university semesters or and consist of at least 1,200 hours of supervised and practical experience. The period must be completed within three (3) years after it is started.*

(b) *At least 600 hours of supervised and practical experience* ~~The period of internship must be served in an accredited school system or a school system which is approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.~~

(c) *The internship must be supervised jointly by:*

(i) *A representative of the graduate program of the educational institution where the intern earned their degree; and*

(ii) *A person who holds an endorsement as a school psychologist and who is employed in that capacity by a school district according to the requirements of the National Association of School Psychologists or its successor organization for the intern's school-based internship hours.*

5. A school psychologist provisional endorsement may be issued to a person if they:

- (a) have a bachelor's or higher degree
- (b) completed all of the requisite coursework and ~~practicum~~ practica in the field of school psychology. Such coursework must include at least two (2) full-time regular consecutive college/university semesters of practica.
- (c) are enrolled in a school psychology training program and need to complete an internship in school psychology; and
- (d) Applicants who meet the requirements of (a), (b), and (c) do not need to meet the requirement of a master's, equivalent, or more advanced degree in school psychology for this provisional endorsement.
- (e) a provisional endorsement shall be issued for three (3) years and cannot be renewed.
- (f) a holder of a provisional endorsement must be supervised by a licensed school psychologist as prescribed by the National Association of School Psychologists or its successor organization, during the entire time they are working in a school setting.

~~6. A person who holds an advanced degree in psychology, mental health, social work, counseling, or doctorate degree or degree from a specialist-level program of study in clinical psychology or counseling psychology, or related degree without a degree in school psychology may be issued a school psychologist endorsement after completion of an individualized plan of study that includes relevant coursework and field experiences, as determined by the school psychology program in which they are enrolled, that may would qualify them for a school psychology license or provisional license.~~

7. For the purposes of this regulation, a person who is an intern:

- (a) is defined as an individual who has started their internship concurrently with or after the last required training in the program of school psychology provided by the educational institution. ~~completed a practicum and coursework, in the field of school psychology,~~ and is participating in an internship as described in section 4 of this regulation.
- (b) should be expected to work under a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the ~~university~~ training program and field site. The MOA must delineate the duration of the internship which may include work provided during the Local Education Agency academic school year that may extend beyond the enrollment in a college/university course/program that includes intern or internship in the title.

~~NAC 391.316 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: Required areas of study. (NRS 385.080, 391.019) The required areas of study for an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist are as follows:~~

- ~~1. In the area of psychology and education of the normal child:~~
 - ~~(a) Child development;~~
 - ~~(b) Child and adolescent psychology; and~~
 - ~~(c) Theories of learning.~~
 - ~~2. In the area of psychology and education of children with disabilities:~~
 - ~~(a) Abnormal psychology; or~~
 - ~~(b) The child who is emotionally disturbed or behaviorally disordered, or both.~~
 - ~~3. In the area of psychoeducational assessment:~~
 - ~~(a) Assessment of individual intelligence;~~
 - ~~(b) Testing of individual personality or projective assessment, with a practicum;~~
 - ~~(c) Diagnosis and treatment of reading disabilities, with a practicum; and~~
 - ~~(d) Standardized appraisal.~~
 - ~~4. In the area of techniques of intervention:~~
 - ~~(a) A practicum on individual counseling; and~~
 - ~~(b) The process of counseling.~~
 - ~~5. In the area of experimental design:~~
 - ~~(a) Statistics; and~~
 - ~~(b) Methodology for research.~~
- ~~(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 4-27-84; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-27-91)~~

~~NAC 391.317 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: Optional areas of study. (NRS 385.080, 391.019) Credit earned by completing any of the following optional areas of study may be counted toward meeting the requirements for an endorsement as a school psychologist:~~

- ~~1. In the area of psychology and education of the normal child:~~
 - ~~(a) Educational psychology.~~
 - ~~(b) Development of a curriculum.~~
 - ~~(c) Foundations of education.~~
 - ~~(d) Theories of personality.~~
 - ~~(e) Affective education.~~
- ~~2. In the area of psychology and education of children with disabilities:~~
 - ~~(a) Theories of learning disabilities.~~
 - ~~(b) Psychology of persons with disabilities.~~
 - ~~(c) Etiology of reading disabilities.~~
- ~~3. In the area of characteristics of school systems:~~
 - ~~(a) Services of personnel for pupils.~~

- ~~—(b) Multicultural education.~~
- ~~—(c) School law.~~
- ~~4. In the area of psychoeducational assessment:~~
- ~~—(a) Assessments for careers or vocations.~~
- ~~—(b) Physiological assessment.~~
- ~~—(c) Neuropsychological assessment.~~
- ~~—(d) Assessment of the gifted and talented.~~
- ~~5. In the area of techniques of intervention:~~
- ~~—(a) Techniques for group counseling, with a practicum.~~
- ~~—(b) Techniques for consultation or clinical interviewing.~~
- ~~—(c) Family and marriage counseling, with a practicum.~~
- ~~—(d) Psychotherapy and advanced counseling.~~
- ~~—(e) Techniques for behavioral analysis and management.~~
- ~~—(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 4-27-84; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 9-13-91; 11-27-91)~~

~~**NAC 391.318 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: Requirements for practicum. (NRS 385.080, 391.019)** To receive credit for completing a practicum, an applicant seeking an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist must be able to show that the practicum:~~

- ~~—1. Was taken concurrently with or after his or her last required areas of study in the applicable area of training; and~~
- ~~—2. Was supervised by a representative of the educational institution which sponsored the practicum working with a person who holds an endorsement as a school psychologist and is employed by a school district.~~
- ~~—(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 4-27-84; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-27-91)~~

~~**NAC 391.319 Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: Internship in psychology. (NRS 385.080)**~~

- ~~—1. The internship in psychology which is prerequisite to an endorsement as a school psychologist must meet the criteria set forth in this section.~~
- ~~—2. The intern's period of service must be started concurrently with or after the last required training in the program of school psychology provided by the educational institution. The period must consist of two **2** full time regular consecutive semesters or 1,000 hours of supervised and practical experience. The period must be completed within 3 years after it is started.~~
- ~~—3. At least half of the period of internship must be served in an accredited school system or a school system which is approved by the Superintendent of Public~~

~~Instruction. The remaining part may be served in some other public agency which is approved by the Superintendent.~~

~~—4. The internship must be supervised jointly by:~~

~~—(a) A representative of the graduate program of the educational institution where the intern earned his or her degree; and~~

~~—(b) A person who holds an endorsement as a school psychologist and who is employed in that capacity by a school district, or by a person of equivalent education and training if the internship is in some other public agency. *If the intern holds a provisional endorsement pursuant to subsection 6, the public agency must supervise the intern according to the requirements of the National Association of School Psychologists or its successor organization.*~~

~~—5. In lieu of an internship consisting of two full-time regular semesters or 1,000 hours, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may accept a partial internship and 3 years of experience as a school psychologist in another jurisdiction if the experience is verified as having been successful.~~

~~—6. The Department will issue a provisional endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, *which is effective for 3 years and may not be renewed*, to an intern who has completed one full-time regular semester or 500 hours of supervised, practical experience in an accredited school system or an approved public agency if at least half the experience has been in the school system and the intern has fulfilled all the other requirements for a regular endorsement. A provisional endorsement to serve as a school psychologist is effective for 2 years but may not be renewed *a student who:*~~

~~—(b) *Is in a school psychology training program and needs to complete an internship in school psychology; and*~~

~~—(c) *Has completed all of the requisite coursework except an internship in school psychology. Such coursework must include at least 2 full-time regular semesters of practice.*~~

~~—(d) *Applicants who meet the requirements of (a) and (b) do not need to meet the requirement of a master's or more advanced degree for this provisional endorsement.*~~

~~—(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 4-27-84)~~

NAC 391.XXX Endorsement to serve as a School Psychologist Assistant; renewal. (NRS 391.019)

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To receive an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant, a person must:

(a) Have a high school diploma or equivalent; and

(b) Either:

(1) Have 3 or more years of experience in the administration and scoring of tests used in the assessment of learning abilities of children or adults; or

(2) Have 12 or more semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university in mental health, special education, psychology, sociology or counseling.

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045, NAC 391.065 and NAC 391.067.

3. The Department shall not issue any other endorsements on a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant.

4. This special license with an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant is valid for five (5) years and can be renewed.

Section 2 *Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this regulation, a person who is employed as a school psychologist assistant on or before the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State:*

1. May continue in his or her current employment without obtaining a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant pursuant to section 1 of this regulation; and

2. So long as the person remains continuously employed as a school psychologist assistant, shall be deemed to hold a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a school psychologist assistant issued pursuant to section 1 of this regulation.