

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

LCB File No. R102-25

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-5, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 2 of Assembly Bill No. 49, chapter 458, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 2966.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations, including, without limitation, regulations: (1) prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; (2) identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require specialized training; and (3) setting forth the requirements a person must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019, as amended by section 2 of Assembly Bill No. 49, chapter 458, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 2966)

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold a license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State. (NAC 391.277) **Section 1** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold a master's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold a license as a physical therapist issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. (NAC 391.279) **Section 2** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold a doctorate degree in physical therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold a license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State. (Section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22) **Section 3** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold an associate's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold a license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. (Section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22) **Section 4** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold an associate's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.

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

391.277 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *A master's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapist is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.279 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as a physical therapist issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *A doctorate degree in physical therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a physical therapist is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold ~~that~~ :

(a) A license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State ~~that~~ ; and

(b) *An associate's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapy assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy.

Sec. 4. Section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold ~~that~~ :

(a) A license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ~~that~~ ; and

(b) *An associate's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a physical therapist assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy.

Sec. 5. This regulation is hereby amended by adding thereto the following transitory language which has the force and effect of law but which will not be codified in the Nevada Administrative Code:

Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this regulation, a person who is employed pursuant to NAC 391.277, NAC 391.279, section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 or section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22, as applicable, may continue his or her employment without obtaining the applicable endorsement if the person:

1. Is employed at a public school on or before the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State; and
2. Maintains continuous employment at the public school after the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State.