PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

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NAC 391.088 is repealed.

[NAC 391.088 Qualifications for teaching pupils from birth through kindergarten. (NRS 391.019, 391.032) To receive a special license or endorsement to teach pupils from birth through kindergarten, a person must hold a bachelor's degree or graduate degree from an accredited college or university and must:

- 1. Have completed a program of preparation to teach such pupils that is approved by the Board;
- 2. Hold a license to teach such pupils that was issued by another state and approved by the Commission:
- 3. Hold an elementary license, a secondary license, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, that is endorsed with a major in child care, and:
- (a) Have experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age that consists of:
 - (1) Eight semester hours of student teaching;
- (2) One year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school that is licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS at the conclusion of which the person was eligible for reemployment; or
- (3) An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university; and
- (b) Have completed at least 12 semester hours of courses in early childhood education, of which:
- (1) Six semester hours must consist of courses in any of the following subjects:
 - (I) Early childhood curriculum;
- (II) Emergent language and literacy; or
 - (III) Play theory and creativity; and
- (2) Any additional semester hours must consist of courses in any of the subjects listed in subparagraph (1) or in any of the following subjects:
 - (I) Child development from birth to 8 years of age;
 - (II) Diversity in young children;
 - (III) Introduction to early childhood education;
 - (IV) Positive discipline and guidance for young children; or
 - (V) Working with families with young children;
- 4. If the person holds a bachelor's degree or graduate degree in child development or early childhood education, have experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age that consists of:
- (a) Eight semester hours of student teaching;
- (b) One year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS at the conclusion of which the person was eligible for reemployment; or

- (c) An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university; or
- 5. Have completed at least 35 semester hours of courses in early childhood education for children who are developing typically and atypically consisting of:
- (a) Six semester hours in child development and learning, with the content of the courses covering diversity in culture, language and ability;
- (b) Fifteen semester hours in early childhood curriculum and program implementation, of which:
 - (1) Six semester hours must be in:
 - (I) Emergent language and literacy; and
 - (II) Integrated curriculum; and
 - (2) Nine semester hours must be in any of the following subjects:
 - (I) Curriculum for infants and toddlers;
 - (II) Early childhood classroom management;
 - (III) Emergent mathematics and science;
 - (IV) Play theory and creativity;
 - (V) Positive discipline and guidance for young children; or
 - (VI) Strategies for working with children with disabilities;
- (c) Three semester hours in family and community relations, including working with families;
- (d) Three semester hours in assessment and evaluation for early childhood education; and
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, 8 semester hours of student teaching involving pupils in at least two different age groups, such as pupils under 3 years of age and pupils from 3 to 5 years of age. At least one of the groups must have included pupils with and without disabilities. In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of student teaching, a person may have 1 year of verifiable experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS at the conclusion of which the person was eligible for reemployment.]