

# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

## LCB File No. R133-13

Proposed Amendments to NAC 391.057

### **NAC 391.057 Conditional licensure: Categories; qualifications; term of validity; approval of Department for school district, charter school or private school to hire licensee; requirements of licensee following issuance**

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue a conditional license to teach elementary education, a conditional license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education a conditional license to teach secondary education, a conditional license to teach pupils in prekindergarten through grad 12 in a specific area described in subsection 4 or a conditional license to teach special education to pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 in a category described in subsection 5 to a person who submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the applicant:
  - (a) Holds a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution that is regionally accredited;
  - (b) Passed the competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics that is required by NAC 391.036 or is eligible for an exemption from that test;
  - (c) Has been accepted by a qualified provider for enrollment in a program for an alternative route to licensure; and
  - (d) Complies with the instructional and training policies and procedures of the qualified provider.
2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, an applicant for a conditional license to teach secondary education or to teach pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 in a specific area described in subsection 4, other than an applicant to teach pupils special education in a category described in subsection 5, must:
  - (a) Hold a major or minor in the applicant's desired area of licensure; or
  - (b) Pass a competency test required by the Commission in the subject matter of the area for which the applicant is seeking a conditional license or provide to the Department proof that he or she is eligible for an exemption from that test.
3. A conditional license issued pursuant to this section:
  - (a) Authorizes the holder of the license to teach in a county school district, a charter school or a private school;
  - (b) Becomes valid on the date on which the holder of the license satisfies all the requirements of subsection 1;
  - (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, is valid for not more than 3 years; and
  - (d) Is not renewable.
4. The specific areas for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a conditional license to teach pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 include, without limitation:
  - (a) Music;
  - (b) Art;

- (c) Physical education; and
  - (d) Any other specific area approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
5. The categories for which the Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a conditional license to teach special education to pupils in prekindergarten through grad 12 are:
- (a) Hearing impairments;
  - (b) Specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, orthopedic impairments, health impairments or traumatic brain injuries;
  - (c) Intellectual disabilities and moderate to intense needs for assistance and intervention;
  - (d) Pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;
  - (e) Adapted physical education to pupils who have disabilities;
  - (f) Speech and language impairments;
  - (g) Autism; or
  - (h) Visual impairments.
6. A conditional license issued pursuant to this section is automatically revoked if the holder of the conditional license withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a program for an alternative route to licensure.
7. A person who is issued a conditional license pursuant to this section may apply for an initial license to teach elementary education, to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, to teach secondary education, to teach pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 in a specific area described in subsection 4 or to teach special education to pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 in a category described in subsection 5, as applicable, if the applicant:
- (a) Successfully completes the education and training required by the qualified provider for the program for an alternative route to licensure, including, without limitation the supervised, school-based experience provided by the qualified provider;
  - (b) Satisfies the requirements for initial licensure pursuant to NAC 391.036; and
  - (c) Pays the appropriate fee ~~H~~ ;
  - (d) Require eighteen (18) credit hours of pedagogy to be split among four main groups:***
    - 1) classroom management,***
    - 2) teaching English as a second language,***
    - 3) curriculum and instruction, and***
    - 4) assessment; and***
  - (e) Two courses must be required: one is a content methods course and one is a special education class. With required coursework in the following categories:***
    - 1) Methods of teaching and 2) special education.***
- The following are recommended coursework:***
- 1) Classroom Management – adolescent development***
  - 2) Teaching English as a Second Language – methods materials for teaching English as a second language, language acquisition, development and learning, theories, assessment and curriculum***
  - 3) Curriculum and Instruction – multicultural education, preparing teachers to use technology, technology applications in the secondary curriculum, pedagogy, literacy/language arts***
  - 4) Assessment – education psychology, testing measurements***
- The requirement would be one three credit course in each area in a secondary area only, unless a specialty area. The four categories (management, TESL, curriculum***

*and instruction and assessment) and the two required courses (methods of teaching and special education) be available for all secondary teachers who have a content test, in which to test out of in secondary academic areas only, areas that have a Praxis exam.*