

**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 and 2, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 19 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2116.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising the qualifications required to obtain an endorsement on a license to teach secondary education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019, as amended by section 19 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2116) **Section 1** of this regulation revises the requirements for obtaining a license to teach secondary education with an endorsement in career and technical education. **Section 1** additionally authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue an endorsement in career and technical education to a person who holds a bachelor’s degree in education with a major or minor in career and technical education.

The regulations adopted by the Commission must require an applicant for a license to teach secondary education to demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of concentration by: (1) successfully completing course work prescribed by the Department of Education; or (2) completing a subject matter competency examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed satisfactory. (NRS 391.019, as amended by section 19 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2116) Existing regulations require an applicant to have majored or minored in a field of specialization or concentration in order to obtain an endorsement in that field. (NAC 391.125) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes an applicant for a license to teach secondary education to have passed a competency examination approved by the Department as an alternative to having majored or minored in a field of specialization or concentration.

Section 1. NAC 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.120 1. Except *as provided in subsection 5 or* for a person who is applying for a secondary license pursuant to subsection 2, to receive a secondary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching in the secondary grades approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.557 and 391.558;

(b) Courses approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.082; or

(c) Twenty-two semester hours of courses in secondary education, as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) A course in the methods and materials of teaching a field of specialization; and

(3) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

2. ~~To~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, to* receive a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree *in education with a major or minor in career and technical education or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803* and:

(a) Have completed ~~22~~ **23** semester hours of credit as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection~~ *subsections 3 ~~;~~ and 4*, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) ~~A course in the methods and materials of teaching a field of specialization;~~ *Three semester hours in the methods of teaching career and technical education;*

(3) ~~Three~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3* semester hours in ~~professional career and technical education courses;~~ *secondary curriculum and instruction;*

(4) Three semester hours in ~~{a course on applied or}~~ *career development and* work-based learning;

(5) Three semester hours in ~~{a course on}~~ *management of* pupil organization ~~{and management}~~ in career and technical education; and

(6) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission;

(b) Complete 1 year of verifiable work experience, which may be paid or unpaid, in a business, industry or agency that is ~~{outside any system of K-12 education within or outside of this State. The work experience must be in the area of the endorsement which will be attached to the secondary license;}~~ *aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803;* and

(c) Hold a valid license *issued by a licensing authority of this State* in the area of career and technical education for which the person is applying for ~~{a secondary license with}~~ an endorsement if such a license is required by state law . ~~{to provide services to the general public.}~~

3. If a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter is applying for an additional license pursuant to NRS 391.0315 and the person has 3 years of verified teaching experience, the person is not required to complete the 8 semester hours of supervised teaching *required by subsection 1 or 2, as applicable*, but must fulfill those 8 semester hours by completing additional courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

4. An applicant for an endorsement in career and technical education who holds a valid secondary license is exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2.

5. An applicant for a secondary license who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or middle school or junior high

school education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a secondary license.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.125 1. A secondary license which is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching authorizes the holder to teach in:

- (a) Departmentalized seventh or eighth grade;
- (b) A junior high school;
- (c) An approved middle school; and
- (d) A senior high school.

2. The *Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an* endorsement ~~his based upon an applicant's field of specialization or concentration, usually designated as his or her~~ *on a secondary license in a field of specialization or area of concentration to an applicant who:*

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 391.120, has completed a major ~~or~~ *minor* ~~or~~ *in the field of specialization or* area of concentration ~~or~~, *as described in NAC 391.1301 to 391.1312, inclusive; or*

(b) Has passed, at the level of competence specified by the Department, a competency examination approved by the Department on the subject matter of the field of specialization or area of concentration.