

**REVISED 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, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; prescribing the qualifications for an endorsement to serve as a mental health professional in a school; 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) This regulation adds an endorsement to serve as a mental health professional in a school and prescribes the qualifications for such an endorsement.

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 serve as a mental health professional in a school, a person must:

(a) Hold:

(1) A current license as a mental health professional issued by an agency or board of the State of Nevada which regulates mental health professionals; or

(2) A current equivalent license issued by a similar agency or board in another state and agree to obtain a license issued by an agency or board of the State of Nevada within 1 year after the date on which the person applied for an endorsement; and

(b) Have completed an educational program for mental health professionals in schools which includes a practicum in schools or the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age, both individually and in groups, and their families.

2. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive such an endorsement must:

(a) Have completed a program to serve as a mental health professional in a school that is approved by the Commission;

(b) Hold the credential issued by a national organization for mental health professionals certifying that the holder is a specialist in mental health in schools; or

(c) Hold a master's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited college or university in a field related to mental health in schools.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an endorsement to serve as a mental health professional in a school becomes invalid upon the expiration of the license described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1, unless before that date the holder renews the license and submits a copy of the renewed license to the Office of Educator Licensure within the Department. An endorsement to serve as a mental health professional in a school held by a person who is not licensed as a mental health professional in this State becomes invalid 1 year after the date on which the holder applied for the endorsement if the holder has not obtained a license issued by an agency or board of the State of Nevada which regulates mental health professionals by that date.

4. A licensee holding only a special license with an endorsement as a mental health professional in a school is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

5. *As used in this section “mental health professional” means:*

(a) A psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS;

(b) A marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;

(c) A clinical professional counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS; or

(d) A practical nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS.