

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Proposed Changes to NAC 391.557, NAC 391.558, and NAC 391.461

This will be the first set of revisions related to Educator Preparation.

391.557 and 391.558 currently address program approval for traditional educator preparation programs.

391.461 addresses program approval for Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) preparation programs.

We would like to revise these regulations to achieve the following:

- Merge the traditional and ARL processes into one;
- Have the content of applications be the same for traditional and ARL programs
- Under Section 1 (391.557) add the following to the application:
 - o A written statement that describes how the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) Standards and Indicators will be integrated into the course of study and training
 - o A description of the application, screening, and selection process for candidates, including the minimum entrance qualifications which must be met
 - o Alignment to the standards produced by the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) – this currently appears in 557 (1.g.1.i) but the specific document that is there now should be removed
- Ideally, remove 391.461, as this should now be covered under 557/558
- Strike Section 12 of 557 (we will now have access to this information, meaning there will be no need for this reporting system)
- Every mention of “National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education” should be replaced with “a national accrediting body which is recognized by the United States Department of Education.” *The reason for this change:* NCATE no longer exists, and rather than naming the new group, we were hoping we could use this short-hand (or something similar) so that we do not need to change regs if the group’s name changes again.
- Add definitions to the beginning of 557 (I’m working on them now):
 - o “Accredited” has the same meaning as defined in NRS 394.006.
 - o “Program approval” means the initial review of a course of study and training which has not been previously approved by the Board or Commission.
 - o “Program review” means the process by which NDE examines state-approved educator preparation programs through regular monitoring and reporting.
 - o “Program completer” means an individual who has completed all required components of a state-approved educator preparation program.
 - o “Conditional program completer” means a candidate through the Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) who has completed required coursework but has not yet completed the required supervised fieldwork that would allow them to be considered program completers.

- “Field experience” includes all of the supervised experiences that take place in school settings and represent one component of all state-approved educator preparation programs.
- Add “For program approval only” to the beginning of sections 6, 7, 8, and 9 in NAC 391.558:
- This may already be in process, but all reference to the Board should be replaced with the Commission. (per 2017 Leg Session)
- I’m not sure where this should go, but we’d like to add a new condition to 557. If an institution already has an approved educator preparation program that is in good standing with the state, and the institution wishes to add a new program, they should contact NDE regarding a streamlined application and program approval process.