

**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: §§1-3, NRS 391.019 and 391.031.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for teaching pupils in a program of early childhood 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 educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing law also establishes the kinds of licenses that the Department of Education is authorized to issue for teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.031) Assembly Bill No. 77 of the 2017 Legislative Session authorized the Department to issue a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education. (NRS 391.031, as amended by section 21 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2120) Existing regulations: (1) require a person to hold a special license or endorsement to teach pupils from birth through second grade in order to teach prekindergarten; and (2) set forth the requirements for obtaining such a special license or endorsement. (NAC 391.087, 391.089). **Section 1** of this regulation requires that a person hold a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education in order to teach prekindergarten. **Section 2** of this regulation sets forth the requirements for obtaining such a license, which are the same requirements to obtain a special license or endorsement to teach pupils from birth through second grade under existing regulations.

Section 1. NAC 391.087 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.087 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person must hold a ~~special~~ license ~~for endorsement~~ *to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education* issued pursuant to NAC 391.089 before teaching in a program of instruction for prekindergarten pupils conducted by a public school or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who:
 - (a) Holds an elementary license pursuant to the provisions of NAC 391.095;
 - (b) On July 1, 2002, ~~is~~ *was* employed full-time teaching pupils in such a program; and
 - (c) After July 1, 2002, ~~is~~ *has been* continuously employed full-time teaching pupils in such a program.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.089 To receive a ~~special~~ license ~~for endorsement~~ to teach pupils ~~from birth through the second grade,~~ *in a program of early childhood education*, 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 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;

(b) Have completed at least 6 semester hours of courses in early childhood education

consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:

- (1) Early childhood curriculum;
- (2) Emergent language and literacy; or
- (3) Play theory and creativity; and

(c) Have completed at least 6 additional semester hours of courses in any of the courses

described in paragraph (b) or in any of the following subjects:

- (1) Child development from birth to 8 years of age;
- (2) Diversity in young children;
- (3) Introduction to early childhood education;
- (4) Positive discipline and guidance for young children; or
- (5) Working with families with young children; or

4. 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) Twelve semester hours in early childhood curriculum and program implementation that include at least one course in each of the following subjects:

- (1) Language and literacy;
- (2) Mathematics and science;
- (3) Social studies; and
- (4) Strategies for working with children with disabilities;

- (c) Three additional semester hours in early childhood curriculum and program implementation consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:
- (1) Curriculum for infants and toddlers;
 - (2) Early childhood classroom management;
 - (3) Integrated curriculum;
 - (4) Play theory and creativity;
 - (5) Positive discipline and guidance for young children; or
 - (6) Technology;
- (d) Three semester hours in family and community relations, including working with families;
- (e) Three semester hours in assessment and evaluation for early childhood education; and
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, 8 semester hours of student teaching involving pupils in at least two different age groups, one of which must have included pupils in the first or second grade and one of which must have included pupils of any age from birth through kindergarten. 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.

Sec. 3. A person who, on the effective date of this regulation, holds a special license or endorsement to teach pupils from birth through the second grade as described in NAC 391.089 shall be deemed to hold a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education as

described in NAC 391.089, as amended by section 2 of this regulation, on and after the effective date of this regulation.