

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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NAC 391.363 Qualifications for teaching pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age. (NRS 385.080, 391.019, 391.032)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, before teaching pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age in a program of early childhood special education, a person must:

(a) Hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section; or

(b) Hold a teacher's elementary or secondary license, a license to teach special education, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, complete 6 semester hours from the courses prescribed in paragraph (b) of subsection 3 within 1 year after beginning that teaching and complete a program of preparation leading to licensing in early childhood special education within 3 years after beginning that teaching. ~~The Department may grant a person an extension of up to 2 years in which to complete a program of preparation leading to licensing in early childhood special education upon receipt of:~~

~~—(1) Documentation which shows that the courses prescribed in paragraph (b) of subsection 3 were not offered at times or locations available to the person; or~~

~~—(2) Verification that the person's medical condition prevented the person from enrolling in or completing the courses prescribed in paragraph (b) of subsection 3.~~

2. To receive ~~the an~~ endorsement **to teach pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age**, a person must:

(a) Have completed a program of special education, approved by the ~~Board~~ **Department**, for children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(b) Hold a current license or certificate with a similar endorsement issued by another state;

(c) Hold a ~~master's~~ **bachelor's or more advanced** degree in early childhood special education and have completed 8 semester hours of student teaching, equivalent field experience or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in early childhood special education; or

(d) ~~Satisfy the requirements of subsection 3.~~

~~—3. A person may also receive the endorsement if he or she:~~

~~—(a) Holds an elementary or secondary license, a license to teach special education, a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, or a bachelor's or master's degree in early childhood special education, special education, education for early childhood, child development or a related field that customarily involves providing service to children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age, such as counseling of children or families, educational or developmental psychology, speech-language pathology, physical or occupational therapy, elementary education, social work, or nursing if the person has at least 1 year of experience in pediatric nursing.~~

~~—(b) (e) Has~~ **Have** completed at least 18 semester hours which included a course in each subject listed in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, with any remaining hours completed by courses in any of the subjects listed in subparagraphs (6) to (9), inclusive:

(1) Foundations or overview of early childhood special education;

(2) Typical and atypical development of children who are under 8 years of age;

(3) Assessment of children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(4) Strategies for intervention or development of curriculum for children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(5) Working with families of children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(6) Issues regarding physical and medical management of children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(7) Development of language and strategies for intervention for children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age;

(8) Social and emotional development and strategies for intervention for children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age; and

(9) Coordination and collaboration of services among other agencies and disciplines which serve children who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age.

↳ For the purpose of completing the requirements for the subjects listed in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, a single course of 3 semester hours may be applied to satisfy the required course work in no more than two of those subjects.

~~(e)~~ **(f) Has Have** completed, **at a regionally accredited college or university, a minimum of 8 semester credit hours of** student teaching of pupils who have disabilities or developmental delays and who are under 8 years of age, or has 1 year of verifiable experience, at the conclusion of which the person is eligible for reemployment, working as a teacher in a program of early childhood special education in a public or private agency that is licensed by the State or that has been approved by a national organization and which serves such pupils and their families, or has completed equivalent field experience with such pupils through a regionally accredited college or university.

4 3. A person may teach in a class in which the majority of the children have developmental delays and are the age of pupils in kindergarten if the person:

(a) On or before September 1, 1994, has at least 3 years of experience teaching pupils who have developmental delays and are the age of pupils in kindergarten in a program of early childhood special education at a public or private agency that is licensed by the State or that has been approved by a national organization; and

(b) Holds a license to teach special education for kindergarten through grade 12 with an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.343, 391.347, 391.360, 391.370 or 391.376.

~~5.—Testing in the principles and methods of teaching pupils in kindergarten through grade 6 is not required to receive a license to teach special education with an endorsement to teach pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age. A person who, on December 13, 1999, holds a provisional special license to teach pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age that was provisioned on passing the competency test required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.036 is exempt from the requirement to pass that test to receive a special license.~~

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