

**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 in cultural competency; 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. Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations prescribing the requirements for obtaining an endorsement on the license of a teacher, administrator or other educational personnel in cultural competency. (NRS 391.019) This regulation prescribes the qualifications for such an endorsement or an endorsement as a specialist in cultural competency.

**Section 1.** Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. To receive an endorsement in cultural competency, a person must:*

*(a) Hold an elementary, secondary or special license, or a license to teach middle school or junior high education; and*

*(b) Have completed 12 semester hours of course work, including course work in each of the following areas of study:*

*(1) Three semester hours of course work in critical multicultural education, which must include:*

*(I) Cultural competency identification and assessment, development of knowledge bases and skill sets and building capacity for cultural competency;*

*(II) Awareness, knowledge and understanding of race and ethnicity, with the content of the course covering, without limitation, geographic origin, residency status, languages, socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, spirituality, age, physical appearance and disability;*

*(III) Equitable practice in pedagogy, selection and use of instructional materials and curriculum and assessments measuring student learning;*

*(IV) Communication and developing relationships with pupils, families, colleagues and community members;*

*(V) Alignment with the standards in the domain of instructional practices of the teacher in the classroom as prescribed by NAC 391.575 and the domain of professional responsibilities of the teacher to support learning and promote effectiveness of the school community as prescribed by NAC 391.576; and*

*(VI) Course materials which reflect current and relevant educational research and evidence-based practices;*

*(2) At least 2 semester hours of course work in culturally responsive engagement;*

*(3) At least 1 semester hour of a practicum, which must:*

*(I) Include, without limitation, at least 30 hours of culturally responsive community engagement work within an organization serving the community adjacent to a high-need school; and*

*(II) Demonstrate a practical application of all course content required by subparagraph (1);*

*(4) Three semester hours of course work driven by cultural assets in high-need school pedagogy, high-need school leadership or high-need school care or counseling; and*

*(5) Three semester hours of course work in participatory action research which includes completion of a participatory action research project related to a sociopolitical issue in education.*

*2. For the purpose of completing the requirements of subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the 1 semester hour of practicum may be satisfied by the course in critical multicultural education pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.*

*3. To receive an endorsement as a specialist in cultural competency, a person must:*

*(a) Have completed the requirements for the endorsement in cultural competency pursuant to subsection 1 of this section;*

*(b) Have at least 3 years of verified employment experience in this State in a position at a high-need school that requires licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS; and*

*(c) Have completed a minimum of 9 credits of course work encompassing at least three of the following areas:*

*(1) Multicultural organizational development;*

*(2) Culturally responsive educational leadership in diverse educational organizations;*

*(3) Advanced course work in multicultural curriculum development;*

*(4) Advanced course work in ethnic studies, cultural studies or United States racial formations-focused history;*

*(5) Intergroup dialogue facilitation; or*

*(6) Justice-focused advocacy or justice-focused conflict negotiation.*

4. *As used in this section, “high-need school” has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 1021(11).*