

**APPROVED 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 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; requiring teachers to meet certain requirements to receive certain endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations relating to the licensure of teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) The Commission must also adopt regulations providing for the licensure of persons who obtain a license pursuant to an alternative route to licensure. (NRS 391.032) Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt regulations to approve a course of study or training offered by an educational institution to qualify a person to be a teacher. (NRS 391.037, 391.038)

Existing regulations authorize a person to receive an endorsement to teach computer technology-based applications and computational thinking if he or she meets certain requirements. (NAC 391.202) **Section 1** of this regulation changes that endorsement to be an endorsement to teach introductory computer science. **Section 1** also expands the types of license a person may hold to receive the endorsement.

Existing regulations outline the requirements a person must meet to receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America’s Graduates program in Nevada. (NAC 391.253) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes a person to receive such an endorsement if he or she meets certain basic requirements and: (1) holds a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university; (2) has at least 4 years of certain professional experience; or (3) receives approval to receive the endorsement from the Executive Director of Jobs for America’s Graduates. **Section 2** further outlines the requirements a person must meet to receive approval from the Executive Director.

**Section 1.** NAC 391.202 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.202 To receive an endorsement to teach *introductory* computer ~~technology-based applications and computational thinking~~ *science* that includes issues relating to information

technology, tools for productivity, communication and research and computational thinking **†** *in kindergarten through grade 12*, a person must have a valid *elementary*, secondary *or special license* , *a valid license to teach special education* or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education, and must have completed 9 semester hours of course work, consisting of:

1. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers methods for teaching computer science;
2. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers concepts in computer science; and
3. Three semester hours of coursework in a course of study that covers methods for teaching computer applications which include, without limitation:
  - (a) Word processing and the use of spreadsheets;
  - (b) Communication and collaboration tools;
  - (c) Internet research tools;
  - (d) Internet safety; and
  - (e) Proper keyboarding techniques.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 391.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.253 1. A person who holds an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada may teach pupils in grades 6 to 12, inclusive, who are enrolled in a course provided by Jobs for Nevada's Graduates, Inc. Such a person shall not teach other pupils for whom a separate license or endorsement is required to teach unless he or she holds the required license or endorsement.

2. ~~[(T)]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to* receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada, a person must:

(a) ~~[(H)]~~ *Hold a bachelor's degree;*

~~[(b)]~~ *Successfully complete a training program approved by the Department; ~~[(and)]~~*

~~[(e)]~~ *(b) Secure an offer of employment from the Executive Director of Jobs for Nevada's Graduates, Inc., the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the principal of an achievement charter school ~~[(H)]~~; and*

*(c) Show that he or she:*

*(1) Holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;*

*(2) Has at least 4 years of professional experience as a:*

*(I) Social worker;*

*(II) Case manager;*

*(III) Qualified trainer; or*

*(IV) Parole or probation officer; or*

*(3) Has approval to receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in writing from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates.*

3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, to receive approval from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2, a person must:*

*(a) Hold a valid substitute teaching license in this State; or*

*(b) Show proof of at least 4 years of experience as a qualified professional in a related field.*

*4. A person may be exempted from the requirements of subsection 3 to receive approval from the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates if:*

*(a) The person holds a valid special license or provisional special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in this State;*

*(b) The offer of employment secured by the person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 is for a position within:*

*(1) A school district whose enrollment of pupils is 9,000 or less; or*

*(2) Any geographic area of this State for which the Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates certifies in writing that no other qualified person is available to fill; and*

*(c) The Executive Director of Jobs for America's Graduates has given written approval for such an exemption.*