

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, NRS 233B.066

LCB File No. R026-20

Amendments to NAC 391.202 Endorsement to teach computer technology-based applications and computational thinking, NAC 391.050 Transcripts, NAC 391.237 Endorsements to teach English language acquisition and development; endorsement as professional teacher of English as second language; endorsement as specialist in English language acquisition and development, NAC 391.253 Endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program: Authorized activities; qualifications, NAC 391.461 Application for approval to become qualified provider; review; conditions of provisional approval; term of validity; renewal; approval to offer program for different area of licensure; annual evaluation and NAC 391.557 Requirements for application for approval of course; development and maintenance of manual by Department to provide assistance

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code 391:

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The need and purpose of the proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 391 are based on recommendations from the Nevada Department of Education. Existing law authorizes the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations it deems necessary to carry out its duties. (NRS 391.019)

Section 1 of this regulation changes the existing endorsement to teach technology-based applications and computational thinking 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.

Section 2 of this regulation (removed by amendment at public hearing) requires a person who is enrolled in a program for an alternative route to licensure or a course of study or training for the education of teachers to take certain coursework related to language acquisition theory and English language development. **Section 2** authorizes a person enrolled in such a program that does not offer the required coursework to still receive an English language acquisition and development endorsement if he or she is enrolled in such a program: (1) to receive a license for early childhood or elementary education before July 1, 2021; or (2) to receive a license for middle school or junior high school or secondary education before July 1, 2022.

Section 3 of this regulation authorizes a person to receive an endorsement to teach pupils who are participating in the Jobs for America's Graduates program in Nevada 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 3** further outlines the requirements a person must meet to receive approval from the Executive Director.

Section 4 of this regulation (remove by amendment at public hearing) requires a program for an alternative route to licensure to include certain coursework related to language acquisition theory and English language development.

Section 5 of this regulation (remove by amendment at public hearing) requires a course of study and training for the education of teachers or other educational personnel to include certain coursework related to language acquisition theory and English language development.

2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education were advised of their right to appear at the scheduled public hearing and their right to address comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The Department of Education must have received written submissions **on or before April 29, 2021**. No persons who are directly affected by the proposed action appeared to request time to make an oral presentation; the Commission on Professional Standards in Education heard and documented the public comment.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be on file at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended/adopted will be available at the Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 89119, and in all counties at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available at the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations: Nevada Department of Education, both locations, and Nevada State Library and Archives.

The public response can be summarized as no individuals testified at the workshop or public hearing, and eight individuals provided written statements at the public hearing regarding this regulatory change. A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public workshop and/or hearing are available upon request.

3. The Number of Persons Who:

- a) Attended Workshop: 21; Hearing: unknown, as hearing was broadcast via livestream due to COVID-19 precautions.
- b) Testified at Workshop: 0; Hearing: 0
- c) Submitted Written Statements: Workshop: 0; Hearing: 8

4. For each person identified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing: (a) name; (b) telephone number; (c) business address; (d) business telephone number; (e) electronic mail address; and (f) name of entity or organization represented.

Melissa Burnham, University of Nevada, Reno
Lorna James-Cervantes, English Mastery Council

Molly Appel, Nevada State College
Wesly Torres-Lopez
Sharolyn Pollard-Durodola, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Linda Quinn, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Maria B. Roberts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Brian Zeiszler, Great Basin College

5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected business, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested person may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited through the public hearing notice of **March 30, 2021**. At the workshop persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education were advised of their right appear at the scheduled public hearing and their right to address comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Commission Secretary, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The Department of Education must have received written submissions **on or before April 29, 2021**. No person who is directly affected by the proposed action appeared to request time to make an oral presentation; the Commission on Professional Standards in Education proceeded.

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The response from affected businesses can be summarized as non-existent as no businesses testified at the workshop or the hearing and none provided written statements regarding this regulatory change. A copy of the summary and/or minutes of the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Jolene Borges, Assistant to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 702-668-4317, or by writing to the Nevada Department of Education at 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

6. If the regulation was adopted with or without change to any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting.

The Commission on Professional Standards in Public Education adopted the proposed regulation language at the public hearing held on **April 30, 2021** with amendments removing sections 2, 4 and 5.

7. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and each case must include:

There will be no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates.
There is no estimated economic effect on the public.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

9. A description of any regulations of other state or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

No other state or governmental agency regulations will be overlapped or duplicated by the above noted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap of federal regulations.

10. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are none.

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide for a new fee or increase an existing fee.