

**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: §§ 1-4, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising provisions relating to requirements for obtaining certain licenses; revising provisions relating to requirements for obtaining certain endorsements; repealing provisions related to semester hours of credit for certain majors or minors; repealing provisions related to requirements for obtaining an endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations that prescribe qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations require a person seeking a secondary license to complete 8 semester hours of supervised teaching, among other requirements. Existing regulations authorize certain persons who have 3 years of teaching experience to forego the requirement to complete 8 semester hours of supervised teaching and instead require such persons to complete 8 semester hours of coursework in certain courses relating to secondary education. (NAC 391.120) **Section 1** of this regulation removes the requirement to complete 8 semester hours of coursework in certain courses relating to secondary education for such persons.

Existing regulations establish requirements to receive or renew an endorsement as a school psychologist, including, without limitation, holding a graduate degree from an accredited institution or receiving a certificate or certificate of renewal as a nationally certified school psychologist from the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists. (NAC 391.315) **Section 3** of this regulation requires a person seeking an endorsement as a school psychologist to hold a master's or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution. **Section 3** clarifies that a certificate or certificate of renewal as a nationally certified school psychologist may be issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists or its successor organization.

Existing regulations establish required amounts of semester hours of credit in certain courses to receive certain secondary licenses or endorsements. (NAC 391.1312) Existing regulations establish requirements to receive an endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program. (NAC 391.252) **Section 4** of this regulation repeals

those provisions, and **section 2** of this regulation makes a conforming change relating to the repeal of those provisions.

Section 1. NAC 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.120 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or for a person who is applying for a secondary license pursuant to subsection 2, to receive a secondary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

- (a) A program of preparation for teaching in the secondary grades approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.557 and 391.558;
- (b) Courses approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.082; or
- (c) Twenty-two semester hours of courses in secondary education, as follows:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;
 - (2) A course in the methods and materials of teaching a field of specialization; and
 - (3) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, to receive a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree in education with a major or minor in career and technical education or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803 and:

- (a) Have completed 23 semester hours of credit as follows:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;
 - (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching career and technical education;
 - (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in secondary curriculum and instruction;

- (4) Three semester hours in career development and work-based learning;
 - (5) Three semester hours in management of pupil organization in career and technical education; and
 - (6) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission;
- (b) Complete 1 year of verifiable work experience, which may be paid or unpaid, in a business, industry or agency that is aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803; and
- (c) Hold a valid license issued by a licensing authority of this State in the area of career and technical education for which the person is applying for an endorsement if such a license is required by state law.

3. If a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter is applying for an additional license pursuant to NRS 391.0315 and the person has 3 years of verified teaching experience, the person is not required to complete the 8 semester hours of supervised teaching required by subsection 1 or 2, as applicable. ~~†, but must fulfill those 8 semester hours by completing additional courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.†~~

4. An applicant for an endorsement in career and technical education who holds a valid secondary license is exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2.

5. An applicant for a secondary license who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or middle school or junior high school education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as applicable,

or has completed comparable course work as determined by the Department, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a secondary license.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.125 1. A secondary license which is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching authorizes the holder to teach in the subject area of the endorsement in a high school.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an endorsement on a secondary license in a field of specialization or area of concentration to an applicant who:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 391.120, has completed a major or minor in the field of specialization or area of concentration, as described in NAC 391.1301 to ~~391.1312,~~ **391.13105**, inclusive; or

(b) Has passed, at the level of competence specified by the Department, a competency examination approved by the Department on the subject matter of the field of specialization or area of concentration.

3. The endorsement is based upon the field of specialization or area of concentration in which the applicant has demonstrated proficiency.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.315 1. To qualify for an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, a person must:

(a) Have accomplished each of the following:

(1) Hold a ~~graduate~~ **master's or more advanced** degree from ~~an~~ **a regionally** accredited institution;

(2) Have preparation in school psychology;

- (3) Have successfully completed the areas of study listed in NAC 391.316;
 - (4) Have earned 60 semester hours of graduate credits in the areas of study listed in NAC 391.316 and 391.317; and
 - (5) Have completed an internship in school psychology as provided in NAC 391.319;
 - (b) Hold a certificate as a nationally certified school psychologist issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists ~~H~~, *or its successor organization*; or
 - (c) Have completed a program approved by the Board which prepares a person to be a school psychologist.
2. To renew an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist, the holder of the endorsement must:
- (a) Comply with the provisions of NAC 391.065; or
 - (b) Hold a certificate of renewal as a nationally certified school psychologist issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists ~~H~~, *or its successor organization*.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.1312 and 391.252 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

391.1312 Restrictions on hours of credit for certain subjects. (NRS 385.080, 391.019)

1. The semester hours of credit required for a major listed in subsections 25 and 26 of NAC 391.131 must include 15 semester hours in courses normally given to juniors or seniors.
2. The semester hours of credit required for a minor listed in the paragraphs identified in subsection 1 must include 5 semester hours in courses normally given to juniors or seniors.
3. The semester hours of credit required for a major listed in subsections 19, 25 and 26 of NAC 391.131 must not include any semester hours in freshman English. Eighteen of the semester hours must be in courses normally given to juniors or seniors.
4. The semester hours of credit required for a minor in reading must not include any semester hours in freshman English. Nine of the semester hours of credit must be in courses normally given to juniors or seniors.

391.252 Endorsement to teach Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program. (NRS 391.019)

1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program developed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2031, a person must have received, from the secretary of the military branch he or she serves in or has retired from, certification as an instructor in the Program.

2. The holder of an endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program may teach the course only in grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

3. An endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program is not required to teach the course.