

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 391.019; § 4, NRS 391.019 and 391.032.

Section 1. NAC 391.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.095 To receive an elementary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree *from an accredited college or university* and have completed:

1. A program of preparation for teaching in the elementary grades which is approved by the board;

2. [Thirty] *Thirty-two* semester hours of courses in elementary professional education [, *including:*] *consisting of:*

(a) Eight semester hours in supervised *student* teaching in [elementary grades;

(b) Eight] *kindergarten through eighth grade;*

(b) *Nine* semester hours in methods of teaching [basic] elementary subjects, including, but not limited to, [reading,] mathematics, science [, English or] *and* social studies; [and

(c) Six]

(c) *Nine* semester hours in the teaching of [reading, reading skills or phonics skills;] *literacy or language arts; and*

(d) *Six semester hours of professional education course work in any of the following subjects:*

- (1) *Classroom management;*
- (2) *English as a second language;*
- (3) *Technology;*
- (4) *Evaluation of pupils;*
- (5) *Child development;*
- (6) *Special education; or*
- (7) *Social and cultural issues; or*

3. Forty-four semester hours of courses in professional studies in [elementary] physical education [, including:] *for kindergarten through eighth grade consisting of:*

(a) Eight semester hours in supervised *student* teaching of [elementary] physical education [;] *for kindergarten through eighth grade;*

(b) Fifteen semester hours which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:

- (1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;
- (2) The physiology of exercise;
- (3) The psychological or social aspects of physical education, or both;
- (4) Motor development; and
- (5) Testing and measuring skills and abilities in physical education; and

(c) Twenty-one semester hours in teaching [specialties of] *elementary* physical education, including, but not limited to, teaching:

- (1) Adapted physical education;
- (2) Methods and techniques of teaching *elementary* physical [fitness activities;]
education;
- (3) Rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary grades;
- (4) Movement experiences for pupils in preschool and primary grades;
- (5) Movement experiences for pupils in intermediate grades; *and*
- (6) [Teaching physical education in elementary grades; and
- (7)] Advanced first aid or an equivalent course.

A person who qualifies for an elementary license by complying with the requirements of *this* subsection [3] may teach only physical education in [elementary grades.] *kindergarten through eighth grade.*

Sec. 2. NAC 391.098 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.098 1. To receive an endorsement on an elementary license, a person must complete 12 semester hours of credit within the area of the endorsement, except that:

(a) An endorsement for English requires the completion of 3 semester hours of courses in [advance] *advanced* composition, descriptive grammar and speech.

(b) An endorsement to teach pupils who are enrolled in a program of bilingual education requires the applicant to pass the examination required by subsection 1 of NAC 391.242, if an examination is available.

2. The board recognizes the following subjects for an endorsement on an elementary license:

(a) Art.

- (b) [The] *Computers and technology relating to the* use of computers.
- (c) English.
- (d) Health.
- (e) Mathematics.
- (f) [Reading.] *Literacy.*
- (g) Science.
- (h) Social studies.
- (i) Early childhood education.
- (j) Physical education.
- (k) Bilingual education.
- (l) *Music.*

3. An endorsement on an elementary license is not required to teach in kindergarten through *eighth* grade . [8.] The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring a specific endorsement on an elementary license as a requirement for employment with that district.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.100 To receive [an elementary] *a professional* license as [a professional] *an elementary* teacher, a person must:

1. Meet all requirements for an elementary license;
2. Hold a master's degree [;] *in education;* and
3. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in kindergarten or any grade through *eighth* grade [8] in schools approved by the department.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.105 1. **[To receive a limited endorsement]** *The superintendent of public instruction may issue a conditional license* as an elementary teacher [,] **to** a person **[must hold]** *who holds* a bachelor's degree and **[have completed 18]** *has completed 23* semester hours of courses in professional elementary education [, **including:**

(a) Eight] *consisting of:*

(a) *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching [; and*

(b) Eight] *in kindergarten through eighth grade; and*

(b) *Fifteen* semester hours in methods of teaching **[basic]** elementary subjects, including [, **but not limited to, the teaching of reading, mathematics, science, English or social studies.**

2. A limited elementary endorsement] :

(1) *Six semester hours in literacy or language arts;*

(2) *Three semester hours in mathematics;*

(3) *Three semester hours in science; and*

(4) *Three semester hours in social studies.*

2. *In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, a person may satisfactorily complete 3 years of supervised teaching.*

3. *A conditional elementary license* is not renewable. To continue teaching, the holder of the **[endorsement]** *license* must complete the requirements for an elementary license **[during the term of the endorsement.]** *within 3 years after the date of issuance of the conditional license.*

Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 4 of this regulation become effective on December 12, 1998.