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001 Alphabetical List of Endorsements Contained in this Chapter

ADMINISTRATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

Curriculum Supervisor
Principal
Superintendent

TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS

Adapted Physical Education
Agricultural Education
American Sign Language (Subject)
American Sign Language (Supplemental)
Anthropology
Art
Assessment Leadership
Basic Business
Bilingual Education
Biology
Business, Marketing, and Information Technology (BMIT)
Career Education
Chemistry
Coaching
Cooperative Education – Diversified Occupations
Driver Education
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Inclusive
Earth and Space Science
Economics
Elementary Education
English (Issued prior to August 1, 2015)
English As A Second Language
English Language Arts (formerly Language Arts)
Family and Consumer Sciences
General Art
Geography
Health Education
Health and Physical Education
Health Occupations
High Ability Education
History
Horticulture Education
Industrial Technology Education
Information Technology
Instructional Technology Leadership
Instrumental Music
Journalism and Media Education
Mathematics
Middle Grades Education
Music

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Physical Education
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Reading and Writing
Reading Specialist
Religious Education
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
School Counselor
School Librarian
School Psychologist
Science
Secondary English
Skilled and Technical Science Education
Social Science
Sociology
Special Education (formerly Special Education – Mild / Moderate Disabilities)
Special Education Behaviorally Disordered
Special Education Deaf or Hard of Hearing/Field
Special Education Deaf or Hard of Hearing/Subject
Special Education Early Childhood Special Education
Special Education Learning Disabilities
Special Education Severe/Multiple Disabilities
Special Education Visual Impairment
Speech
Speech-Language Pathologist
Theatre
Vocal Music
Vocational Special Needs
World Language

SPECIAL SERVICES ENDORSEMENTS

Educational Audiologist
School Nurse
School Transition Specialist
Speech Language Technician
Special Services Coaching

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002 General Information

002.01 Statutory Authority. This chapter is adopted pursuant to Section 79-808 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes (R.R.S.).

002.02 Scope and Application. This chapter contains regulations for obtaining endorsements indicating grade levels and areas of specialization on Nebraska teaching, administrative, and special services certificates.

002.03 Related Chapters. Throughout this chapter, reference is made to other Department regulations relating to teachers, administrators, and special services providers. Regulations for the issuance of certificates to teach, administer, and provide special services in Nebraska schools are contained in Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 21 (92 NAC 21) Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 23 (92 NAC 23) contains regulations concerning the basic skills competency testing of teacher education students. Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 20 (92 NAC 20) contains the rules for the approval of professional education programs in Nebraska. Copies of these rules are available from the Department.

002.04 Implementation Date. Regardless of the effective date of the approval of this chapter, the implementation date will be August 1, 2014. Colleges and persons seeking endorsements must meet these requirements after this date. Prior to that implementation date, the provisions of this chapter, as approved with an effective date of June 23, 2013, shall remain in effect.

003 Definition of Terms. As used in this chapter:

003.01 American Sign Language (ASL) shall mean a natural language indigenous to members of the American Deaf Community, with its own culture, literature, and linguistic structure.

003.02 Approved Endorsement Program shall mean endorsement programs approved pursuant to 92 NAC 20 or any endorsement program approved in any other state or country pursuant to standards comparable and equivalent to 92 NAC 20.

003.03 Board shall mean the Nebraska State Board of Education.

003.04 Certification Officer shall mean a faculty or staff member designated by the chief academic officer or unit administrator of each standard institution of higher education with an approved educator preparation program to receive correspondence regarding this Chapter from the Department and to provide certified records, transcripts, reports and/or recommendations to the Department, as required, for the purpose of certification and/or endorsement.

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003.05 Clinical experiences shall mean those that are characterized by careful planning, stipulated goals, required activities, projected performance levels and evaluation of growth. Examples of clinical experiences are microteaching clinics, unit teaching associated with a methodology class, and skill clinics. Activities not meeting the criteria for clinical experiences include general observations, voluntary community service, orientation visits, teacher aiding, and periodic visitations to educational settings.

003.06 Commissioner shall mean the Nebraska State Commissioner of Education.

003.07 Credit hour shall mean the equivalent of 15 instructional class periods of 50 minutes or more. Semester hour has the same meaning as credit hour.

003.08 Department shall mean the State Department of Education, which is comprised of the Board and the Commissioner.

003.09 Endorsement shall mean an area of specialization indicated on a certificate issued pursuant to 92 NAC 21 signifying that the individual has met specific requirements contained in this chapter.

003.10 English as a Second Language (ESL) shall mean a program designed to serve students whose dominant language is not English to become proficient in English through instruction predominantly provided in English to the students.

003.11 Field (used as a descriptor of an endorsement) shall mean two or more subjects which, considered as a single area of study, represent a wider and broader scope than that of a subject.

003.12 Field-based experiences shall mean those that are conducted at a school site, school administration center, school clinic, or community agency, etc. These experiences include classroom observations, tutoring, assisting school administrators or teachers, as well as participation in school and community-wide activities. Planning shall be shared by the professional education unit and the appropriate agency.

003.13 Internship shall mean an experience supervised by a qualified professional who holds a certificate or has qualifications comparable to that of a certificate holder. The internship provides opportunities to practice and demonstrate the knowledge and skills of the specialization area in a setting that is similar to the setting in which the candidate intends to work. Internship differs from student teaching in that it is only applicable to graduate level and supplemental endorsements.

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003.14 Practicum shall mean an extensive experience in which education students practice professional skills and knowledge. Both student teaching and internships are examples of a practicum.

003.15 Prekindergarten shall mean the preschool years for children beginning at age 3 prior to entering kindergarten.

003.16 Regular Certificate shall mean an initial, standard or professional certificate, or a comparable and equivalent certificate as defined in 92 NAC 21.

003.17 Semester Hour shall mean the equivalent of 15 instructional class periods of 50 minutes or more. Credit hour has the same meaning as semester hour.

003.18 Standard Institution of Higher Education means any college or university, the teacher education programs of which are fully approved by the Board or approved in another state pursuant to standards which are comparable and equivalent to those set by the board.

003.19 Student teaching shall mean a full time, directed teaching experience conducted in a school setting that provides supervised opportunities to practice and demonstrate over a continuous, extended time period (as required by 92 NAC 20) the unique knowledge and skills of teaching in the endorsement area(s).

003.20 Subject (used as a descriptor of an endorsement) shall mean a specific course or narrow range of courses taught and offered in a school.

003.21 Supplemental (used as a descriptor of an endorsement) shall mean an endorsement which cannot exist by itself on a certificate but is added to a certificate only in the presence of other endorsements which may or may not be specified.

003.22 Teaching experience shall mean employment as a certified employee for the instruction of students in an approved or accredited school.

004 Application Procedures

004.01 Initial Endorsement. When an applicant applies for his or her teaching, administrative, or special services certificate pursuant to 92 NAC 21, he or she will be required to file documentation, signed by a certification officer of a standard institution of higher education, indicating that he or she has met the requirements of this chapter for one or more endorsements (depending upon the requirements of 92 NAC 21 for the type of certificate and the type of endorsements), to file an application and pay the fee provided for in 92 NAC 21.

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A recommended form (Institutional Verification) is available on the Teacher Certification website.

004.02 Additional Endorsements. Additional endorsements may be added to a certificate at any time upon the payment of the fee provided for in 92 NAC 21 and documentation signed by a certification officer of a standard institution of higher education, that clearly show that the endorsement requirements and student teaching experience requirements, if applicable, of this chapter have been met in approved endorsement programs.

004.02A Applicants applying for additional subject or field endorsements have no additional student teaching requirement if the endorsement is for the same grade level as endorsement(s) already held on the certificate. If it is for a different level, the applicant must meet half of the 14 week student teaching requirement through student teaching or internship.

004.03 Provisional Endorsements. Individuals holding a regular Nebraska certificate may apply to add one provisional endorsement as follows:

004.03A Completing an application and payment of the statutory fee as required under 92 NAC 21; and

004.03B Submitting a document signed and dated by the certification officer of a Nebraska standard institution of higher education which verifies that the applicant has completed 50 percent of the endorsement credit hour requirement in an approved endorsement program and lists the remaining courses to be completed. A recommended form (Added Provisional Endorsement) is available on the Teacher certification website.

This provisional endorsement cannot be renewed and will expire on August 31 of the third year following issuance.

004.04 Provisional Special Education Endorsement. Individuals holding a regular Nebraska certificate may apply to add a provisional special education endorsement as follows:

004.04A Completing an application and payment of the statutory fee as required under 92 NAC 21;

004.04B Submitting an Affirmation of Eligibility form, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B and available on the Teacher Certification website, requesting the issuance of the provisional special education endorsement;

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004.04C Submitting an official transcript from a standard institution of higher education that demonstrates at least three (3) semester hours of coursework has already been completed for the provisional special education endorsement; and

004.04D Submitting a document signed and dated by the certification officer from a Nebraska standard institution of higher education which verifies that the applicant has established a plan for completion of coursework leading to a regular special education endorsement, including completion of a minimum of 18 hours during the three (3) years for which the provisional endorsement is valid. A recommended form (Added Provisional Endorsement) is available on the Teacher Certification website.

The provisional special education endorsement shall expire August 31 in the third year following issuance and may be renewed for an additional three (3) years if the individual completes at least 18 credit hours as set forth in Section 004.04D.

004.05 Duration of Endorsements

004.05A Endorsements, once granted, continue in effect so long as the holder maintains a certificate in force, or until revoked or amended pursuant to state law or regulation.

004.05B Provisional endorsements continue for three (3) years.

004.05C Provisional special education endorsements continue for three (3) years.

004.05D If an endorsement is amended through changes to this Chapter but the title remains the same, current holders of that endorsement will continue to have that endorsement in effect for their current and future certification. If an endorsement is no longer contained in this chapter because it has been repealed or the title and requirements have changed, the following provisions apply:

004.05D1 If a comparable existing endorsement is listed for such former endorsement in Appendix A of this Chapter, the certificate holder will be considered to hold such comparable endorsement for purposes of determining school or school district compliance with approval or accreditation requirements under Chapters 10 or 14 of this Title, and for purposes of the requirements of any other chapter of this Title. At the time of future recertification, the new certificate will carry the comparable endorsement.

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004.05D2 If an endorsement that was formerly designated as a subject or field endorsement is reclassified as a supplemental endorsement, the endorsement will continue to be placed on a certificate as a subject or field endorsement if the subject or field endorsement appeared on a certificate prior to the implementation date of the reclassification, or if the individual seeking the endorsement completes a program for which a standard institution of higher education makes recommendation for a subject or field endorsement within one year of the implementation date of the reclassification.

004.05D3 If no comparable endorsement is listed in Appendix A, the endorsement shall be considered non-existent for purposes of Department regulations.

004.06 Revocation of Endorsements. Endorsements shall be revoked for any of the following reasons:

004.06A Revocation of the certificate.

004.06B Fraud, misrepresentation, or error.

004.06C Written request by the endorsed person to the Commissioner and the Commissioner determines that the person has no employment experience and no college credit in the endorsed area within ten (10) years prior to the written request.

004.06D Elimination of the endorsement by the Board as shown in Appendix A.

004.06E Replacement of the endorsement by the Board with another endorsement as shown in Appendix A.

004.07 Hearings and Appeals. All actions taken by the Department under the provisions of this chapter may be subject to appeal under the appeals procedure contained in 92 NAC 21.

004.08 Certification of Completion of Endorsement Requirements. Certification officers shall be required, as a condition of institution approval pursuant to 92 NAC 20, to certify for the Department the completion of endorsement requirements as specified in this chapter as part of endorsement applications.

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005 Administrative Endorsements

005.01 Curriculum Supervisor

005.01A Grade Levels: PK-12

005.01B Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

005.01C Persons with this endorsement may assist in or supervise the development of curriculum programs for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

005.01D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The curriculum supervisor endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 graduate semester hours.

005.01E Additional Requirements: The applicant for admission to the program of studies leading to this endorsement must:

005.01E1 Have a valid regular teaching certificate,

005.01E2 Have completed two (2) years of teaching experience in an approved or accredited school system or school, and

005.01E3 Be officially admitted to the program following institutional screening to determine the candidate's suitability as a supervisor of curriculum.

005.01F Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

005.02 Principal

005.02A Grade Levels: PK-12, PK-8, or 7-12

005.02B Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

005.02C Persons with this endorsement may serve in all general administrative and supervisory capacities in Nebraska schools as a principal at the grade levels for which the program preparation was completed.

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005.02D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require 36 or 45 graduate semester hours of credit in an approved program in educational administration. Thirty-six (36) graduate semester hours are required if the principal endorsement is at the same level as the teaching endorsement. Those seeking a principal endorsement at a level different from their teaching endorsement must complete a minimum of nine (9) additional credit hours. The focus of the additional nine (9) credit hours must be specific to the new level.

005.02D1 The applicant for this endorsement shall have two (2) years of teaching experience in an approved/accredited elementary, middle, and/or secondary schools.

005.02D2 Internship/Field-Based Experiences: This endorsement requires 250 clock hours of internship/ field-based experiences in approved or accredited elementary, middle, or secondary schools. These hours must be completed at the level(s) for the endorsement(s) being sought.

005.02E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

005.03 Superintendent

005.03A Grade Levels: PK-12

005.03B Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

005.03C Persons with this endorsement may serve in all general administrative and supervisory capacities in Nebraska schools as superintendent, principal, or other administrative roles at all levels.

005.03D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours (beyond the baccalaureate degree) in educational administration, completion of a specialist or doctoral program in an education administration program developed for the preparation of a superintendent, and a one-semester internship in an approved or accredited school system.

005.03D1 The applicant for this endorsement must qualify for a regular teaching certificate and an administrative certificate and have two (2) years of teaching experience.

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005.03E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

005.03E1 The applicant shall be admitted to the program of studies leading to this endorsement following a screening process which includes (1) a review of transcripts, (2) three letters of recommendation from people who know of the candidate's work, (3) successful completion of a qualifying examination as identified by the standard institution, and (4) a written statement from the candidate outlining his/her professional goals.

006 Teaching Endorsements

006.01 Adapted Physical Education

006.01A Grade Level: PK-12

006.01B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. To qualify for this endorsement, the applicant shall have or earn concurrently, one of the following endorsements: Health and Physical Education, Physical Education, or one of the Special Education endorsements.

006.01C Persons with this endorsement may teach physical education to children and youth in prekindergarten through grade 12 who have unique needs or verified disabilities. Persons with this endorsement may provide consultant services to teachers of students with unique needs or verified disabilities.

006.01D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework. Applicants may apply up to 12 semester hours of coursework completed as part of a subject or field endorsement in Physical Education or Special Education toward requirements of this endorsement. The hours shall include the following:

006.01D1 Coursework in special education – six (6) semester hours;

006.01D2 Coursework in the content areas of physical education instruction – six (6) semester hours;

006.01D3 A minimum of 12 semester hours in adapted physical education courses.

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006.01E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.02 Agricultural Education

006.02A Grade Levels: 6 – 12

006.02B Endorsement Type: Field

006.02C Persons with this endorsement may teach and manage an agricultural education program and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

006.02D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of agriculture subject matter plus work experience including:

006.02D1 A minimum of 12 semester hours in agricultural education which includes principles/foundations of career education and supervision of work-based learning; and

006.02D2 A minimum of 36 semester hours from the areas of: Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Environmental Service Systems; Food Products and Processing Systems; Natural Resources Systems; Plant Systems; and Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, including leadership, research, applied technology, and policy within the aforementioned systems.

006.02D3 Work Experience: The endorsement is only available to those persons who have (A) 1000 verified hours of work experience in the agriculture food, and natural resources career area, or (B) at least 300 hours of supervised employment in the agriculture food, and natural resources career(s), under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement.

006.02E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.03 American Sign Language (Subject)

006.03A Grade Levels: K-8, 7-12, or K-12

006.03B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.03C Persons with this endorsement may teach American Sign Language (ASL) at the grade level(s) for which they have been prepared.

006.03D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of ASL content coursework.

006.03D1 Practicum. Prospective teachers shall be engaged in practicum experience at the level(s) of endorsement.

006.03E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.04 American Sign Language (Supplemental)

006.04A Grade Levels: K-8, 7-12, or K-12

006.04B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold or earn concurrently a subject or field endorsement.

006.04C Persons with this endorsement may teach American Sign Language (ASL) at the grade level(s) for which they have been prepared.

006.04D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework in ASL content.

006.04D1 Practicum. Prospective teachers shall be engaged in practicum experiences at the level(s) of endorsement.

006.04E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.05 Anthropology

006.05A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.05B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.05C Persons with this endorsement may teach anthropology in grades 7 through 12.

006.05D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 semester hours in anthropology and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and/or Sociology).

006.05E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.06 Art

006.06A Grade Levels: K-12

006.06B Endorsement Type: Field

006.06C Persons with this endorsement may organize and teach art learning experiences for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

006.06D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require 52 semester hours in art. This shall include coursework which addresses preparation for teaching art to kindergarten, elementary, middle school, and secondary-aged students.

006.06E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.07 Assessment Leadership

006.07A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.07B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.07C Persons with this endorsement may assist in or facilitate the development of assessment programs for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.07D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours that shall include the following:

006.07D1 Three (3) semester hours in the study of district, state, and national assessment.

006.07D2 Three (3) semester hours in the study of classroom-based assessment.

006.07D3 Three (3) semester hours of field-based experiences related to Sections 006.07D1 and 006.07D2.

006.07D4 Six (6) semester hours in the study of leadership and collecting, analyzing, reporting, and using data for instructional improvement.

006.07D5 Three (3) semester hours of field-based experiences related to all aspects of Section 006.07D4.

006.07D6 The applicant for admission to the program of studies leading to this endorsement must have a valid teaching or administrative certificate and two (2) years of teaching experience.

006.07E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.08 Basic Business

006.08A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.08B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.08C Persons with this endorsement may teach basic business education courses in grades 6 through 12.

006.08D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours in business administration and information technology systems of which a minimum of six (6) semester hours must be in information technology systems coursework.

006.08E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.09 Bilingual Education

006.09A Grade Levels: K-6, 4-9, 7-12

006.09B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold or earn concurrently an English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement in addition to a subject or field endorsement.

006.09C Persons with this endorsement may teach in a bilingual program in the grade levels for which they are prepared.

006.09D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 12 semester hours of coursework related to methodology, content instruction, and content literacy in bilingual education programs which includes nine (9) credit hours of coursework taught in the target language.

006.09D1 Candidates must also complete a 45 clock hour practicum in a bilingual education program taught in the target language at the grade level(s) of the endorsement being sought.

006.09E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.10 Biology

006.10A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.10B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.10C Persons with this endorsement may teach any biology course in grades 7 through 12.

006.10D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in biology and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities shall be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

006.10E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.11 Business, Marketing, and Information Technology

006.11A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.11B Endorsement Type: Field

006.11C Persons with this endorsement may teach all business, marketing, and information technology education courses and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

006.11D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours, including:

006.11D1 24 semester hours in business administration;

006.11D2 Nine (9) semester hours in marketing;

006.11D3 12 semester hours in information technology systems;

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006.11D4 Three (3) semester hours in the principles of career education and supervision of work-based learning; and

006.11D5 Work Experience: The endorsement is available only to those who have either (A) 1000 verified hours of volunteer, internship, or paid work experience; or (B) at least 300 hours of supervised work experience under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement.

006.11E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.12 Career Education

006.12A Grade Levels: 9 -12

006.12B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.12C The endorsement shall be valid only for a career education area where no preparation program is offered by an approved teacher training institution in Nebraska or for which a school system submits documentation that it has not found a qualified teacher for the career education teaching certificate.

006.12D This endorsement shall require:

006.12D1 Completion of a prescribed course of study in a career education area at the postsecondary level, or

006.12D2 Completion of an apprenticeship program in the career education area, or

006.12D3 Demonstrated proficiency in the career education area based upon five (5) years of practice in the career area, or

006.12D4 Demonstrated proficiency by passing a competency examination approved by the industry or career education area, or

006.12D5 Current employment by a community college as an instructor to teach the career education area.

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006.13 Chemistry

006.13A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.13B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.13C Persons with this endorsement may teach any chemistry course in grades 7 through 12.

006.13D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in chemistry and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities shall be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

006.13E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.14 Coaching

006.14A Grade levels: 7-12

006.14B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to have, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement.

006.14C Persons with this endorsement may coach interscholastic athletic events for participants in grades 7 through 12.

006.14D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 12 semester hours of coursework related to coaching athletics, including prevention, care and management of injuries; growth, development and learning; psychology of coaching; and coaching theory. Other courses related to coaching athletics such as legal aspects and responsibilities; training and conditioning; nutrition; and administration of sports shall be used to fulfill any remaining coaching semester hours.

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006.14E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.15 Cooperative Education – Diversified Occupations

006.15A Grade Levels: 9-12

006.15B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to have, or earn concurrently, an endorsement in a subject or field.

006.15C Persons with this endorsement may coordinate, teach, and supervise programs of instruction that develop career and life skills.

006.15D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of six (6) semester hours in principles of career education and supervision of work-based learning.

006.15E Work Experience: This endorsement is available only to those who have either (A) 1,000 verified hours of volunteer, internship, or paid work experience, or (B) at least 300 hours of supervised work experience under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement.

006.15F Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.16 Driver Education

006.16A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.16B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold or earn concurrently a subject or field endorsement.

006.16C Persons with this endorsement may teach driver education to students in grades 7 through 12.

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006.16D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement requires a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours in courses that address traffic safety, general safety, first aid, motor vehicle systems, and alcohol and drug education.

006.16E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.17 Early Childhood Education

006.17A Grade Levels: Prekindergarten through Grade 3

006.17B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.17C Persons with this endorsement may teach children from prekindergarten through grade 3.

006.17D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework specific to an early childhood education that address preschool and kindergarten. Candidates for this endorsement must hold, or earn concurrently, an Elementary Education (K-6) endorsement.

006.17D1 Practicum. Candidates must complete a 45 clock-hour practicum working with preschool (prekindergarten) children.

006.17E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.18 Early Childhood Inclusive

006.18A Grade Levels: Birth through Grade 3

006.18B Endorsement Type: Field

006.18C Persons with this endorsement may teach and provide services to children from birth through grade 3 including those with special developmental and/or learning needs as defined in Section 79-1118.01 R.R.S, and to support families and other personnel with responsibilities for their care and education.

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006.18D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 51 semester hours, including 39 semester hours of coursework in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education for children birth through grade 3, and 12 additional semester hours of coursework in one area of concentration, either birth through kindergarten or age 3 through grade 3.

006.18E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.19 Earth and Space Science

006.19A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.19B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.19C Persons with this endorsement may teach any Earth and space science course in grades 7 through 12.

006.19D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in Earth and space science and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities shall be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

006.19E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.20 Economics

006.20A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.20B Endorsement Type: Subject

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006.20C Persons with this endorsement may teach economics in grades 7 through 12.

006.20D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 hours in economics and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and/or either Anthropology or Sociology).

006.20E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.21 Elementary Education

006.21A Grade levels: K-6 (K-8 in self-contained classrooms)

006.21B Endorsement Type: Field

006.21C Persons with this endorsement may teach children in all elementary subjects in kindergarten through grade 6 in all schools; and in grades 7 and 8 in self-contained classrooms. Self-contained classrooms exist when students spend more than half the school day with one teacher who provides instruction in more than half of the academic areas of the curriculum.

006.21D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require professional education coursework related to teaching children from kindergarten through grade eight and academic coursework in all areas of the elementary curriculum.

006.21D1 A minimum of 40 semester hours of professional education coursework shall include the following:

006.21D1a Child growth and development;

006.21D1b Curriculum, methodology, and assessment appropriate for all students in all areas of the elementary school curriculum;

006.21D1c Instructional strategies that are adapted for diverse students;

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006.21D1d Organization and management of the classroom;

006.21D1e Communication skills in collaborating with parents and other adults, including those with diverse languages and cultures; and

006.21D1f History, trends, and societal and cultural issues which impact elementary education.

006.21D2 A minimum of 30 semester hours of academic coursework distributed across the four curriculum areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies/history. A minimum of six (6) semester hours is required in each of the four areas. Coursework in the four core areas includes:

006.21D2a Communication, including literature, composition and speech;

006.21D2b Mathematics;

006.21D2c Natural sciences; and

006.21D2d Social sciences.

006.21D3 In addition to the 30 semester hours listed above, academic coursework is required in each of the following areas:

006.21D3a Fine arts and humanities, and;

006.21D3b Health and wellness.

006.21E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.22 English

006.22A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.22B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.22C Persons with this endorsement may teach writing, language, and literature in grades 7 through 12.

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006.22D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 semester hours in writing, language, and literature coursework.

006.22E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.22F This endorsement is available for placement on a Nebraska certificate only for those individuals who held this endorsement, or are recommended for the endorsement by a Standard Institution of Higher Education prior to August 1, 2015. Nebraska institutions will not be able to recommend this endorsement for placement on a certificate after August 1, 2015.

006.23 English As A Second Language

006.23A Grade Levels: PK-12, PK-6, 4-9, 7-12

006.23B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold or earn concurrently a subject or field endorsement.

006.23C Persons with this endorsement may teach English as a Second Language (ESL) in the grade levels for which they are prepared.

006.23D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours of coursework in the following topics: Second Language Acquisition, English Language/Linguistics, Cross-Cultural Communication, Methods/Curriculum Design in English as a Second Language, and Assessment and Evaluation of English Language Learners (ELL).

006.23D1 Practicum. Candidates must complete a 45 clock hour practicum working with ELL students at the grade level(s) of the endorsement being sought.

006.23E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.24 English Language Arts

006.24A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.24B Endorsement Type: Field

006.24C Persons with this endorsement may teach English Language Arts courses such as literature, writing, language, communications (including speech, theatre, and journalism), and reading/literacy skills in grades 7 through 12.

006.24D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of content and pedagogical content coursework in literature, writing, language, communications, and reading/literacy skills and strategies.

006.24E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.25 Family and Consumer Sciences

006.25A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.25B Endorsement Type: Field

006.25C Persons with this endorsement may teach Family and Consumer Sciences courses.

006.25D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours, including a minimum of three (3) semester hours to include the principles of career education and supervision of work-based learning, and 45 semester hours of Family and Consumer Sciences subject matter with the following minimums:

006.25D1 Three (3) semester hours – Careers, Community and Family Connections

006.25D2 Nine (9) semester hours – Consumer Economics and Family Resources

006.25D3 Nine (9) semester hours – Family and Human Development

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006.25D4 Nine (9) semester hours – Nutrition, Wellness and Foods

006.25E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.26 General Art

006.26A Grade Levels: K-6

006.26B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.26C Persons with this endorsement may organize and teach art learning experiences for students in kindergarten through grade 6.

006.26D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require 25 semester hours in art.

006.26E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.27 Geography

006.27A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.27B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.27C Persons with this endorsement may teach geography in grades 7 through 12.

006.27D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 hours in geography and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and/or either Anthropology or Sociology).

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006.27E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.28 Health Education

006.28A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.28B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.28C Persons with this endorsement may teach comprehensive health education programs in grades 7 through 12.

006.28D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The health education endorsement program requires a minimum of 30 semester hours in health courses that demonstrate content knowledge and skills of a health literate educator; assess needs to determine priorities for comprehensive school health education; plan comprehensive school health curricula and programs; implement health education instruction; assess student learning; plan and coordinate a school health education program; communicate and advocate for health and school health education; serve as a resource person in health education; and collaborate with other professionals in implementing a coordinated school health program.

006.28E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.29 Health and Physical Education

006.29A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.29B Endorsement Type: Field

006.29C Persons with this endorsement may teach health and physical education in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.29D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires 54 semester hours of preparation in health and physical education courses with:

006.29D1 a minimum of 27 semester hours in foundations of physical education, including: anatomy; kinesiology and biomechanics; exercise physiology; motor learning and motor development; skill and fitness based competencies; curriculum planning and implementation; instructional delivery and classroom management; adapted physical education; and assessment of student learning in elementary and secondary physical education programs; and

006.29D2 a minimum of 27 semester hours in health education foundations that: demonstrate content knowledge and skills of a health literate educator; assess needs to determine priorities for comprehensive school health education; plan comprehensive school health curricula and programs; implement health education instruction; assess student learning; plan and coordinate a school health education program; communicate and advocate for health and school health education; serve as a resource person in health education; and collaborate with other professionals in implementing a coordinated school health program.

006.29E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.30 Health Occupations

006.30A Grade Levels: 7–12

006.30B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.30C Persons with this endorsement may teach and manage a health occupations education program in grades 7 through 12 and function as a resource person in health within the total educational system.

006.30D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of health occupations and vocational education coursework plus work experience.

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006.30D1 Health Occupations Experience: Prospective health occupations teachers must complete a minimum of 100 clock hours of observation (shadowing) of health care workers, including persons in an acute care facility, out-patient setting, and community health agency setting, OR have work experience in a health care occupation equivalent to one (1) full year within the last five (5) years.

006.30E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.31 High Ability Education

006.31A Grade Levels: K-12

006.31B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to have, or earn concurrently, an endorsement in a subject or field.

006.31C Persons with this endorsement may teach learners with high ability; facilitate the identification of learners with high ability; develop, coordinate, and evaluate programs for learners with high ability; and act as a resource person in education for students with high ability in kindergarten through grade 12.

006.31D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 semester hours related to the education of learners with high ability and a minimum of 90 hours of related clinical experience, including experience at both elementary (K-6) and secondary (7-12) levels.

006.31E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.32 History

006.32A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.32B Endorsement Type: Subject

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006.32C Persons with this endorsement may teach history in grades 7 through 12.

006.32D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 semester hours in history and a minimum of six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and/or either Anthropology or Sociology).

006.32E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.33 Horticulture Education

006.33A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.33B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.33C Persons with this endorsement may teach horticultural education programs in grades 7 through 12.

006.33D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 27 semester hours of horticulture education and work experience in horticulture.

006.33D1 Work Experience: The endorsement is available to those persons who have (A) 1000 verified hours of work experience in horticulture, or (B) at least 300 hours of supervised employment in horticulture under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement.

006.33E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.34 Industrial Technology Education

006.34A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.34B Endorsement Type: Field

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006.34C Persons with this endorsement may teach Industrial Technology Education and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

006.34D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require 48 semester hours of coursework in industrial technology education and professional education, including:

006.34D1 A minimum of six (6) semester hours in each of the following areas: Architecture and Construction; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics. The career area courses will include career information, occupational and environmental safety.

006.34D2 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the principles/foundations of career education; and

006.34D3 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the supervision of work-based learning.

006.34D4 Work Experience: The endorsement is available only to those who have either (A) 1000 verified hours of volunteer, internship, or paid work experience; or (B) at least 300 hours of supervised work experience under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement.

006.34E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.35 Information Technology

006.35A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.35B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement cannot exist by itself on a certificate, but is added to a certificate only in the presence of other endorsements which may have been acquired earlier or concurrently.

006.35C Persons with this endorsement may teach information technology courses in prekindergarten through grade 12.

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006.35D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 15 semester hours in information technology courses.

006.35E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.36 Instructional Technology Leadership

006.36A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.36B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement cannot exist by itself on a certificate, but is added to a certificate only in the presence of other endorsements which may have been acquired earlier or concurrently.

006.36C Persons with this endorsement may assist in or facilitate the development of technology programs for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.36D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours that shall include the following:

006.36D1 The study of school and district level technology integration into curriculum areas for instructional improvement;

006.36D2 The study of research and best practices of technology integration to address school improvement efforts; and

006.36D3 The study of education leadership for collecting, analyzing, reporting, and using data for instructional improvement.

006.36E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.37 Instrumental Music

006.37A Grade Levels: K-8, 7-12

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006.37B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.37C Persons with this endorsement may teach instrumental music in the grade levels of their endorsement (K-8 and/or 7-12).

006.37D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 semester hours for either the K-8 or 7-12 endorsement; or 40 semester hours if the two endorsements are earned at the same time. This coursework shall include theory and composition, music history and literature, conducting, instrumental performing, and techniques and methodologies for the grade levels of the endorsement, and must include proficiency in at least one applied area.

006.37E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.38 Journalism and Media Education

006.38A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.38B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.38C Persons with this endorsement may teach journalism writing and production courses, and direct student efforts in curricular and cocurricular media intended for public consumption in grades 7 through 12.

006.38D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 semester hours in journalism and digital literacies, including an approved field experience.

006.38E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.39 Mathematics

006.39A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.39B Endorsement Type: Field

006.39C Persons with this endorsement may teach mathematics in grades 6 through 12.

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006.39D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of mathematics.

006.39E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program shall have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.40 Middle Grades Education

006.40A Grade Levels: 4-9

006.40B Endorsement Type: Field

006.40C Persons with this endorsement may teach either: (a) any or all subjects in a self-contained classroom in grades 4 through 9, (classrooms in which students spend more than half the school day with one teacher who provides instruction in more than half of the subject-matter areas of the curriculum) or (b) the content areas of specialization in any organizational pattern in grades 4 through 9.

006.40D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a total of 66 semester hours of which 30 semester hours shall be in professional education courses related to middle level education and a minimum of 36 semester hours in two or more Content Areas of Specialization with a minimum of 18 semester hours in each area. An endorsement in any of the Special Education endorsements, which includes any portion of grades 4-9, may be accepted in lieu of one Content Area of Specialization. In addition, persons with this endorsement must complete coursework in all academic areas of the middle grades curriculum.

006.40D1 Content Areas of Specialization include the following:

- 006.40D1a Agricultural Education
- 006.40D1b Art
- 006.40D1c Business Education
- 006.40D1d Family and Consumer Sciences
- 006.40D1e Foreign/World Language
- 006.40D1f Health and Physical Education
- 006.40D1g Industrial Technology
- 006.40D1h Language Arts
- 006.40D1i Mathematics
- 006.40D1j Natural Sciences
- 006.40D1k Social Science

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006.40D2 Coursework in all academic areas of the middle grades curriculum includes:

- 006.40D2a communication, including composition and speech,
- 006.40D2b health and wellness,
- 006.40D2c humanities, including literature,
- 006.40D2d mathematics,
- 006.40D2e natural sciences,
- 006.40D2f social sciences, and
- 006.40D2g fine arts.

006.40D3 Clinical experiences. Prospective teachers shall be engaged in clinical experiences which shall include:

- 006.40D3a involvement with students at grades 4, 5, or 6 and students at grades 7, 8, or 9,
- 006.40D3b involvement with students representing special populations, and
- 006.40D3c teaching experiences in each of the prospective teacher's content areas of specialization.

006.40E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.41 Music

006.41A Grade Levels: K-12

006.41B Endorsement Type: Field

006.41C Persons with this endorsement may teach vocal and instrumental music in kindergarten through grade 12.

006.41D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 54 semester hours in theory and composition, music history and literature, conducting, choral and instrumental performing, techniques, and must include proficiency on at least one applied music area.

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006.41E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.42 Physical Education

006.42A Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12

006.42B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.42C Persons with this endorsement may teach physical education in prekindergarten through grade 6, or grades 7 through 12.

006.42D Certification Endorsement Requirement: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 semester hours in physical education courses for prekindergarten through grade 6 or grades 7-12 endorsements.

006.42D1 The PK-6 endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours in foundations of physical education including: anatomy; kinesiology and biomechanics; exercise physiology; motor learning and motor development; and adapted physical education; plus a minimum of 15 semester hours of coursework in skill and fitness based competencies; curriculum planning and implementation; instructional delivery and classroom management; and assessment of student learning in elementary school physical education programs.

006.42D2 The 7-12 endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours in foundations of physical education including: anatomy; kinesiology and biomechanics; exercise physiology; motor learning and motor development; and adapted physical education; plus a minimum of 15 semester hours of coursework in skill and fitness based competencies; curriculum planning and implementation; instructional delivery and classroom management; and assessment of student learning in secondary school physical education programs.

006.42D3 Applicants seeking both the PK-6 and 7-12 endorsements are required to earn a minimum of 42 semester hours of coursework as prescribed above for elementary and secondary school physical education programs.

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006.42E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.43 Physics

006.43A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.43B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.43C Persons with this endorsement may teach any physics course in grades 7 through 12.

006.43D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of laboratory based courses in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics), of which 24 semester hours must be in physics, and a minimum of 12 semester hours of laboratory based courses among the remaining three natural sciences areas. A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experience for all students. Laboratory activities shall be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concept to the real lives of students.

006.43E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.44 Political Science

006.44A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.44B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.44C Persons with this endorsement may teach political science in grades 7 through 12.

006.44D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 semester hours in Political Science and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, History, Psychology, and/or either Anthropology or Sociology).

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006.44E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.45 Psychology

006.45A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.45B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.45C Persons with this endorsement may teach psychology in grades 7 through 12.

006.45D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 hours including 30 semester hours in Psychology and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and/or Anthropology or Sociology).

006.45E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.46 Reading and Writing

006.46A Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12

006.46B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.46C Persons with this endorsement may teach reading and writing in prekindergarten through grade 6, or in grades 7 through 12.

006.46D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 18 semester hours in courses selected from reading, writing, and language theories, developmental reading and writing on the elementary or secondary level, appropriate strategies and skills, diagnostic and intervention techniques and resources, and children's or adolescent literature, language, and writing, and including an approved field experience.

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006.46E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.47 Reading Specialist

006.47A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.47B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.47C Persons with this endorsement may teach, provide leadership for professional development in the area of reading, and assess and interpret data to determine and implement instructional options for teaching students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.47D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours in reading and related courses. In addition, this endorsement requires clinical experiences appropriate for the endorsement level.

006.47D1 Additional Requirements: An applicant for this endorsement shall have a regular teaching certificate and two (2) years of teaching experience.

006.47E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.48 Religious Education

006.48A Grade Levels: K-12

006.48B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.48C Persons with this endorsement may teach religion in private schools.

006.48D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of religion.

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006.48D1 College Limitation: This endorsement may be approved to be offered as part of an approved teacher education program only in nonpublic institutions of higher education.

006.48E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.49 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

006.49A Grade Levels: 9-12

006.49B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.49C The endorsement shall be valid only in the area of ROTC and may appear only on a career education certificate.

006.49C1 Five (5) years of full time or salaried employment in the military.

006.49D A letter of recommendation from a military supervisor.

006.50 School Counselor

006.50A Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12; PK-12

006.50B Endorsement Type: Subject (PK-6; 7-12); Field (PK-12)

006.50C Persons with this endorsement may serve as school counselors in the grade levels of the endorsement (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12).

006.50D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require the applicant to have two (2) years of teaching experience in an approved or accredited PK-12 district or system, and a Master's Degree in Counseling with a specialization in School Counseling with a minimum of 36 graduate semester hours including:

006.50D1 At least 100 clock hours of school related field experiences prior to internship; and

006.50D2 At least 450 clock hours of internship at the grade levels of the endorsement.

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006.50E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.51 School Librarian

006.51A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.51B Endorsement Type: Field

006.51C Persons with this endorsement may supervise the development and organization of a library media program and teach or direct the use of the library media resources and services in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.51D Certificate Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require the applicant to hold a teaching certificate or concurrently earn a subject or field endorsement, and acquire a minimum of 30 semester hours in library media courses, including leadership, library administration, technology, information access, children's and young adult literature, resource management, and curriculum and instruction.

006.51E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.52 School Psychologist

006.52A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.52B Endorsement Type: Field

006.52C Persons with this teaching endorsement may provide school psychological services to students (birth to age 21), school personnel, parents and other specialists related to individual student needs or school program considerations.

006.52D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires at least 60 graduate semester hours beyond the baccalaureate degree, in which at least 54 are exclusive of credit for the supervised internship.

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006.52D1 A minimum of 1,200 clock hours of internship experience, supervised by a Standard Institution of Higher Education, 600 of which must be in a school setting. Applicants who have completed 600 hours of supervised experience in school settings prior to the internship as part of their doctoral training program in school psychology may complete all 1,200 hours of their supervised internship in a setting that provides psychological services to children, birth to age 21.

006.52E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.53 Science

006.53A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.53B Endorsement Type: Field

006.53C Persons with this endorsement may teach any science course in grades 7 through 12.

006.53D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of laboratory-based courses with a minimum of two (2) laboratory-based courses in each of the four disciplines in the sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space, and physics.) A laboratory-based course provides activity-based, hands-on experiences for all students. Laboratory activities shall be designed to allow students to develop scientific skills and processes, discover and construct science concepts, and allow for the application of the concepts to the real lives of students.

006.53E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.54 Secondary English

006.54A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.54B Endorsement Type: Subject

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006.54C Persons with this endorsement may teach secondary English courses such as English I, English II, English III, English IV, and Reading in grades 7 through 12.

006.54D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of content and pedagogical content coursework in reading/literacy skills and strategies, writing, language, and literature.

006.54E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.55 Skilled and Technical Science Education

006.55A Grade Levels: 9-12

006.55B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement available only in the presence of Agricultural Education or Industrial Technology Education endorsements.

006.55C Persons with this endorsement may teach Skilled and Technical Science Education (formerly Trade and Industrial Education) in grades 9 through 12.

006.55D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires the following:

006.55D1 A minimum of 12 semester hours in one of the specific career areas listed below:

006.55D1a Architecture and Construction Career Area:

006.55D1a(1) Design and Pre-Construction; or

006.55D1a(2) Construction; or

006.55D1a(3) Maintenance and Operations

006.55D1b Manufacturing Career Area:

006.55D1b(1) Health, Safety and Environmental Assurance; or

006.55D1b(2) Logistics and Inventory Control; or

006.55D1b(3) Maintenance, Installation, and Repair;

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006.55D1b(4) Manufacturing Production Process Development; or
006.55D1b(5) Production; or
006.55D1b(6) Quality Assurance

006.55D1c Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Area:

006.55D1c(1) Engineering and Technology

006.55D1d Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Career Area:

006.55D1d(1) Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance; or
006.55D1d(2) Health, Safety and Environmental Management; or
006.55D1d(3) Logistics Planning and Management Services; or
006.55D1d(4) Transportation/Systems Infrastructure; or
006.55D1d(5) Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations

006.55D2 Work Experience: The endorsement is available only to those persons who have:

006.55D2a 1000 verified hours of paid employment in the industry in which the specific career area coursework is taken; or

006.55D2b 500 hours of verified paid employment in the industry in which the specific career area coursework is taken plus a valid nationally recognized trade certification/licensure in the career area in which the specific career area coursework is taken.

006.55D3 This endorsement shall require an applicant to earn, or qualify for, a Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement which includes:

006.55D3a A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the principles/foundations of career education; and

006.55D3b A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the supervision of work-based learning.

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006.55E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.56 Social Science

006.56A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.56B Endorsement Type: Field

006.56C Persons with this endorsement may teach any social sciences course in grades 7 through 12.

006.56D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework in the social sciences (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and either Anthropology or Sociology). The 60 semester hours include a minimum of 21 semester hours in History, of which nine (9) must be in U.S. History and nine (9) in World History. There must be a minimum of six (6) semester hours in each of the remaining five social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and either Anthropology or Sociology).

006.56E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement. The courses shall incorporate the Nebraska social studies/history content standards found in 92 NAC 10 into the curriculum as applicable to the grade level endorsement.

006.57 Sociology

006.57A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.57B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.57C Persons with this endorsement may teach sociology in grades 7 through 12.

006.57D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 semester hours in sociology and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the other social sciences areas (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and/or Anthropology).

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006.59C Persons with this endorsement may teach individuals with behavioral disorders at the grade level (PreK-12; PreK-6; 7-12; or PreK-9) of their endorsement, and consult with teachers, parents, students and other service providers.

006.59D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours with specific emphasis on individuals with behavioral disorders.

006.59D1 Teaching Experience: Applicants for this endorsement shall have one (1) year of teaching experience.

006.59D2 Additional Requirement: This program shall provide applicants with supervised practicum/clinical experiences. The experience shall consist of a minimum of 250 clock hours with individuals with behavioral disorders. The 250 clock hours may be included in the 30 graduate semester hours requirement.

006.59E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.60 Special Education - Deaf or Hard of Hearing Education/Field

006.60A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.60B Endorsement Type: Field

006.60C Persons with this endorsement may teach hearing impaired students in self-contained, resource, or itinerant settings.

006.60D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require completion of a minimum of: 12 semester hours of coursework in general special education and 28 semester hours of course work in communication disorders and hearing impairment.

006.60E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.61 Special Education - Deaf or Hard of Hearing Education/Subject

006.61A Grade Levels: PK-3, K-9, 7-12, K-12, or PK-12 dependent on other certification

006.61B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.61C Persons with this endorsement may teach students who are deaf or hard of hearing at one of the following levels: prekindergarten through grade 3, K-9, 7-12, K-12, or prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.61D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement and earn a minimum of 30 semester hours in special education courses, including six (6) semester hours in general special education and 24 semester hours in the education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

006.61E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.62 Special Education - Early Childhood Special Education

006.62A Grade Levels: Birth through Kindergarten

006.62B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.62C Persons with this endorsement may teach, coordinate, or serve as a consultant to programs for children, ages birth through kindergarten, with special developmental and/or learning needs as defined in Section 79-1118.01 R.R.S., and to support families and other personnel with responsibilities for their care and education.

006.62D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours including a minimum of 12 graduate semester hours of coursework in Early Childhood Education and a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours of coursework in Early Childhood Special Education; and 100 clock hours of related field experiences.

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006.62D1 Field experiences shall consist of a minimum of 100 clock hours working with young children, ages birth through kindergarten, including those with special developmental and/or learning needs. At least 20 clock hours will be spent assisting families and children with verified disabilities at each of the following levels: birth up to age three, ages three to five, and ages five to seven.

006.62E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.63 Special Education--Learning Disabilities

006.63A Grade levels: PK-12, PK-6, PK-9, 7-12

006.63B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.63C Persons with this endorsement may teach individuals with learning disabilities and consult with teachers, parents, and students.

006.63D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 graduate semester hours of coursework and 150 clock hours of practicum/clinical experiences with specific emphasis on individuals with learning disabilities.

006.63D1 Practicum/Clinical Experiences. This program shall provide applicants with supervised practicum/clinical experiences. The experiences shall consist of a minimum of 150 clock hours.

006.63E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.64 Special Education – Severe/Multiple Disabilities

006.64A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.64B Endorsement Type: Supplemental.

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006.64C Persons with this endorsement may teach children and youth who have been verified per 92 NAC 51 as students with severe or multiple disabilities in one or more of the following areas: autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, moderate, severe, or profound mental handicap, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, and traumatic brain injury. Persons with this endorsement may teach students ranging in age from prekindergarten to the termination of public school educational responsibility.

006.64D Certification Endorsement Requirements: Candidates for this endorsement must hold, or earn concurrently the Special Education Endorsement, and complete a minimum of 15 additional semester hours in special education courses related to severe and/or multiple disabilities which includes at a minimum, assessment skills, instructional and behavioral intervention skills in the listed disability areas, consultation and collaboration skills, and inclusive education practices.

006.64E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.65 Special Education - Visual Impairment

006.65A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.65B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.65C Persons with this endorsement may teach students with visual impairments from birth through age 21. "Visual Impairment" includes blindness, low vision (legal blindness and partial sight) and vision loss associated with other impairments.

006.65D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement and earn a minimum of 30 semester hours in special education courses including six (6) semester hours in general special education and 24 semester hours in the education of students with visual impairment.

006.65E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.66 Speech

006.66A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.66B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.66C Persons with this endorsement may teach and direct, or act as a resource person for speech activities in grades 7 through 12.

006.66D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours in speech and communication courses, including an approved field experience.

006.66E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.67 Speech-Language Pathologist

006.67A Grade Levels: Birth through age 21

006.67B Endorsement Type: Field

006.67C Persons with this teaching endorsement may provide speech language pathology services to and consultative services for individuals from birth through age 21 or completion of their Individualized Education Program.

006.67D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of a master's degree in speech-language pathology which includes at least 36 graduate semester hours in speech-language pathology and course work in related areas. Applicants must complete a minimum of 400 clock hours of clinical experiences and an internship, supervised by the standard institution, in school and clinic settings.

006.67E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.68 Theatre

006.68A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.68B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.68C Persons with this endorsement may teach and direct, or act as a resource person, for curricular and cocurricular activities in theatre in grades 7 through 12.

006.68D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 semester hours in dramatic literature, history of the theatre, acting, stagecraft, costume and makeup, lighting, directing theatre productions, and theatre management, including an approved field experience.

006.68E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.69 Vocal Music

006.69A Grade Levels: K-8; 7-12

006.69B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.69C Persons with this endorsement may teach vocal music in the grade levels of their endorsements (K-8 and/or 7-12).

006.69D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 30 semester hours for either the K-8 or 7-12 endorsement, or 40 semester hours if the two endorsements are earned at the same time. Coursework shall include theory and composition, music history and literature, conducting, vocal performing, and techniques and methodologies for the grade levels of the endorsement, and must include proficiency in at least one applied area.

006.69E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.70 Vocational Special Needs

006.70A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.70B Endorsement Type: Supplemental endorsement only. This endorsement requires an applicant to have a field or subject endorsement.

006.70C Persons with this endorsement may teach vocational education to students with disadvantages and/or disabilities in grades 7 through 12.

006.70D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of nine (9) semester hours in vocational special needs courses.

006.70E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

006.71 World Language: Any language other than English, not including computer languages.

006.71A Grade Levels: K-8, 7-12, or K-12

006.71B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.71C Persons with this endorsement may teach at the grade levels and the world language(s) for which they have been prepared.

006.71D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 30 semester hours in the world language for either the K-8 or 7-12 endorsement. Those candidates seeking a K-12 endorsement must complete coursework and clinical experiences which address elementary and secondary levels.

006.71D1 Upon successful completion of the Official American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Official ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) at the Advanced-Low level of proficiency in the target languages of French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and/or Spanish, and at the Intermediate-High level for Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and/or Korean, the Nebraska teacher education institutions may waive up to 15 hours of the 30 hours required in the world language.

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006.71E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

007 Special Services Endorsements

007.01 Educational Audiologist

007.01A Grade Levels: Birth through grade 12

007.01B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.01C Persons with this endorsement may serve as an audiologist and resource person for programs involving individuals from birth through grade 12.

007.01D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of a master's degree in audiology, which includes at least 36 graduate semester hours in an educational audiology program approved under this chapter. This program also includes 70 clock hours of a school internship in educational audiology supervised by a standard institution faculty member (the internship requirement may be included in the 36 graduate semester hours).

007.01E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

007.02 School Nurse

007.02A Grade Levels: PK-12

007.02B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.02C Persons with this endorsement may practice school nursing for students prekindergarten through grade 12.

007.02D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a current Nebraska license as a Registered Professional Nurse from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services or another state participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact as defined in Section 71-1795 R.R.S.

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007.03 School Transition Specialist

007.03A Grade Levels: 7-12

007.03B Special Services Endorsement

007.03C Persons with this Special Services Endorsement may counsel and provide services for youth with disabilities and consult with teachers, parents, and students in grades 7 through 12.

007.03D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This Special Services Endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours of coursework and clinical experience with emphasis on children and youth, ages 14 to 21, with disabilities. Candidates for this program will have completed a Master's Degree or be concurrently engaged in a Master's program with the awarding of the endorsement dependent upon successful completion of the Master's program.

007.03E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

007.04 Speech Language Technician

007.04A Grade Levels: Birth to age 21

007.04B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.04C Persons with this endorsement may provide speech-language services for individuals from birth to age 21. The person must be supervised by a certified speech-language pathologist. The person may not fulfill the requirement(s) of a speech-language pathologist on a multi-disciplinary evaluation team or an individualized family service plan (IFSP) team or individual education plan (IEP) team.

007.04D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires the applicant to have completed a baccalaureate degree in communication disorders/speech-language pathology.

007.04E Limited Purpose: This endorsement may be placed only on the Nebraska Provisional Special Services Certificate with validity, terms and renewal options as described for that certificate in 92 NAC 21.

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007.04F No Nebraska Standard Institution of Higher Education will be granted approval to offer a program of study leading to this endorsement.

007.05 Special Services Coaching

007.05A Grade Levels: 7-12

007.05B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.05C The endorsement shall be valid only in the area of coaching extracurricular activities and may appear only on a special services certificate.

007.05D The endorsement shall be valid only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance of such certificate and shall require:

007.05D1 Successful completion of the following content from a college with an approved teacher education program or from other organizations who provide instruction in the same content:

007.05D1a First aid, health and safety for coaches, and

007.05D1b Fundamentals of coaching.

APPENDIX A
STATUS OF ENDORSEMENTS NO LONGER IN CHAPTER 24

ENDORSEMENT NO LONGER CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER	COMPARABLE REPLACEMENT TO ENDORSEMENT	REVOKED ENDORSEMENT
Business Education	Business, Marketing, and Information Technology (BMIT)	
Computer Science	Information Technology	
Curriculum	Curriculum Supervisor	
Early Childhood Education Unified	Early Childhood Inclusive	
General Science	Science, Middle Grades – Natural Sciences	
Journalism and Mass Communications	Journalism and Media Education	
Natural Science	Science	
Physical Science	Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, and Physics	
Pre-School Disabilities	Early Childhood Inclusive	
Pre-School Handicapped	Early Childhood Inclusive	
Reading	Reading and Writing	
Special Education - Mild/Moderate Disabilities	Special Education	
Speech and Theatre	Speech, Theatre	

Teacher Certification Nebraska Department of Education	Appendix B	NDE 20-020 Revised 9-13
AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT		
This form must be submitted with a completed Application for a Nebraska Educator Certificate, the appropriate fee, and other required documents. EMPLOYMENT IS REQUIRED IN A NEBRASKA SCHOOL TO SUBMIT THIS FORM.		
Printed Name of Applicant	Social Security Number*	
To be completed by the Superintendent:		
I, as Superintendent of the _____ Schools, affirm that this school system has employed the person named above for the 20_____ to 20_____ school year and intend to assign him/her to a teaching position requiring a special education endorsement. I request the issuance of a Provisional Special Education Endorsement , which is valid for three years.		
Signature of Superintendent	Date	
To be completed by Applicant:		
I affirm by my signature that:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have completed at least three (3) semester hours in special education at a state approved teacher education institution (name of institution) _____ _____. The title of the course completed is _____ _____ and is verified by the attached transcript.• I have established an approved program at a state approved teacher education institution (name of institution) _____ that will lead to the following special education endorsement (name of endorsement) _____ at the _____ grade level.• I have requested the Certification Officer at the approved teacher education institution to submit the appropriate form to the Nebraska Department of Education Teacher Certification Office, verifying the establishment of the approved program in special education.• <u>I agree to complete at least eighteen (18) semester hours of approved coursework within the three (3) years for which this endorsement is valid. I understand that my Provisional Special Education Endorsement shall not be renewed if I fail to complete this requirement within the three years allotted.</u>		
Signature of Applicant**	Date	
**Signature must be the same as on the Application for a Nebraska Certificate form.		
*The requirement that a certificate applicant provide his/her social security number is contained in Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-810. The uses that will be made of this number are <u>criminal background checks prior to issuance of a certificate and for purposes of data compilation and statistics concerning employment of graduates of state approved teacher education programs and employment of certificate holders.</u>		