

INITIAL CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

NEBRASKA TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The following is required for renewal of the Initial teaching certificate:

- [Application Form](#), on-line at <http://www.education.ne.gov/cert> in the bottom left hand corner
- Non-refundable application fee (see application for details).
- **Official transcripts** for a pre-approved course to meet the [Human Relations Training](#) requirement **OR** a written, verified, [narrative](#) of your employment experience which provided you with the opportunity to acquire the **six (6)** skills
- You may meet the **recency** requirement for renewal of the teaching certificate in one of three ways:
 1. Submit the [Verification of Experience Form](#) indicating teaching for one (1) year within the immediate past five (5) years half time (50%) or more in a legally operated school system while holding or qualifying to hold a regular teaching certificate **OR**
 2. Have completed six (6) semester hours within the immediate past five (5) years as [recommended](#) by an approved teacher education institution while holding or qualified to hold a teaching certificate that has not expired or has expired for less than five (5) years **OR**
 3. If your teaching certificate has expired more than five (5) years 15 **specific** semester hours are required within the immediate past five (5) years. The hours must be [recommended](#) for issuance of the teaching certificate by the certification officer of your approved teacher education institution.

The courses shall include:

 - (a) a course in instructional techniques;
 - (b) a practicum consisting of one hundred or more clock hours of contact with students in the classroom setting, fifty percent of which shall consist of performing instructional duties under the supervision of a cooperating teacher,
 - (c) a course or courses which address current issues in education, including but not limited to, special education, gifted education, reading and writing in the content area, and school law; and
 - (d) the remaining course work be directly related to the applicant's area of endorsement on his or her expired certificate