



## Summary of Rule 24 Endorsement Changes – Effective August 1, 2015

### **Administrative Endorsements:**

- Special Education Supervisor (005.03) – New endorsement; Birth through Grade 12. Persons with this endorsement may serve in all special education administrative and supervisory roles in Nebraska schools providing services for students with disabilities.

Requires 36 graduate semester hours related to educational leadership and special education administration. Candidate must have, or be eligible to hold, a valid regular teaching certificate with a special education endorsement and two years of teaching experience.

### **Teaching Endorsements:**

- Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist (006.60)— replaces Special Education: Behaviorally Disordered (subject); Birth through Grade 12, PK-6, 7-12 (eliminated PK-Grade 9); now supplemental.

Requires 18 graduate semester hours in behavior intervention strategies and related topics; candidate must hold a special education endorsement. (Requires 12 additional graduate hours in special education coursework if the candidate does not hold a special education endorsement.)

- Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing (006.61)— Birth through Grade 12, PK-6, 7-12 (previously PK-3, K-9, 7-12, K-12, or PK-12); remains a subject endorsement.

Candidate must hold or earn concurrently, a regular teaching certificate, and earn a minimum of 12 semester hours in general special education and 24 semester hours in the education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. (Previously required 6 semester hours in general special education and 24 semester hours in the education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.)

Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing (field) eliminated in Rule 24 based on recommendation of *Ad Hoc* Committee.

- Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist (006.63)— New supplemental endorsement; Birth through Prekindergarten.

Requires 15 semester hours in early childhood special education, 6 semester hours in typical early childhood development, and 160-clock hours field experience with a minimum of 80 hours focusing on children ages birth through two years and a minimum of 80 clock hours focusing on children ages 3 through prekindergarten. Applicant must hold, or earn concurrently, the Special Education endorsement at the K-6 or K-12 level.

- Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist (006.64)— replaces Special Education: Severe/Multiple Disabilities (supplemental); Birth through Grade 12 (was PK-12); remains supplemental.

Requires a minimum of 15 graduate semester hours related to functional academic skills and independent living. Candidates must have, or earn concurrently, the Special Education endorsement.

- Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist (006.65)— replaces Special Education: Learning Disabilities (subject); Prekindergarten-Grade 12; now supplemental.  
Requires a minimum of 15 graduate semester hours in inclusion and collaboration. In addition, the candidate shall have previously obtained the Special Education endorsement.
- Special Education: Visual Impairment (006.66) — Birth through Grade 12 (was PK-12); subject.  
Candidate must hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement and complete a minimum of 36 additional semester hours in special education coursework including 6 semester hours in general special education, 24 semester hours in the education of students with visual impairment, and 3 semester hours of field experience working with students who are visually impaired. (Previously required a minimum of 30 semester hours, field experience requirement has been added.)
- Secondary Transition Specialist (006.55)— Changed from ‘Special Services School Transition Specialist’ to a supplemental teaching endorsement; 7-12.  
Requires a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours of coursework and clinical experience related to transition with emphasis on youth with disabilities, ages 14 through 21.

**Other Teaching Endorsement changes:**

- Coaching (006.14); remains supplemental. Language updated to agree with Rule 21 and the Rule 24 Special Services Coaching endorsement approved last year.

**Special Services Endorsements:**

- Audiologist (007.01) – Name change from ‘Educational Audiologist’; DHHS state licensure is needed annually to obtain this endorsement.
- School Nurse (007.02) – No major changes, updated language. DHHS state licensure is needed annually to obtain this endorsement.