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001 Alphabetical List of Endorsements Contained in this Chapter

ADMINISTRATIVE ENDORSEMENTS
Curriculum Supervisor
Principal
Special Education Supervisor
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
Geography
Health Education
Health and Physical Education
Health Sciences Education
High Ability Education
History
Horticulture Education
Industrial Technology Education
Information Technology
Instructional Technology Leadership
Journalism and Media Education
Mathematics
Middle Level Education
Music
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
Secondary Transition Specialist
Skilled and Technical Science Education
Social Science
Sociology
Special Education Generalist (formerly Special Education)
Special Education Behavior Intervention Specialist
Special Education Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Special Education Early Childhood Special Education
Special Education Early Intervention Specialist
Special Education Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist
Special Education Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist
Special Education Visual Impairment
Speech
Speech-Language Pathologist
Theatre
Vocal Music
Vocational Special Needs
World Language

SPECIAL SERVICES ENDORSEMENTS
Audiologist
School Nurse
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 or permits.

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 or permits 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 candidates. 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, 2016. 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 August 1, 2015 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.
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 Content Test shall mean a Praxis Subject Assessment or School Leadership Series test published by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, NJ for which a passing score requirement has been established by the Department.

003.08 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.

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

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

003.11 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.

003.12 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.

003.13 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.

003.14 Internship shall mean an experience supervised by a qualified professional who holds a certificate or permit or has qualifications comparable to that of a certificate or permit 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.

003.15 Passing Score shall mean a scaled score on a Praxis Subject Assessment Series or School Leadership Series subject content test as established by the Department.

003.16 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.

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

003.18 Regular Certificate shall mean an initial, standard or professional certificate as defined in 92 NAC 21.

003.19 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.

003.20 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.

003.21 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).

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

003.23 Supplemental (used as a descriptor of an endorsement) shall mean an endorsement obtained by meeting the requirements of this chapter and which may be added to a certificate in the presence of other endorsements which may or may not be specified.

003.24 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 or permit 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 or permit and the type of endorsements), to file an application and pay the fee provided for in 92 NAC 21. A recommended form (Institutional Verification) is available on the Teacher Certification website.

004.02 Additional Endorsements. Additional endorsements may be added to a certificate or permit 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. The provisional special education endorsement shall expire August 31 in the year following the year of issuance and may be renewed two (2) times.

004.04A Each applicant for a provisional special education endorsement shall:

004.04A1 Complete an application and pay the statutory fee as required under 92 NAC 21;

004.04A2 Submit the 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;

004.04A3 Submit an official transcript from a standard institution of higher education that demonstrates at least six (6) semester hours of coursework has already been completed for the provisional special education endorsement; and

004.04A4 Submit a document that is 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 course work leading to a regular special education endorsement. A recommended form, Added Provisional Endorsement, is available on the Teacher Certification website.

004.04B Each applicant for renewal of a provisional special education endorsement shall:

004.04B1 Complete an application and pay the statutory fee as required under 92 NAC 21; and

004.04B2 Submit an official transcript verifying completion of at least nine (9) semester hours of course work from the established plan for completion of course work leading to a regular special education endorsement.

004.05  Duration of Endorsements

004.05A Endorsements, once granted, continue in effect so long as the holder maintains a certificate or permit 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 must be renewed annually.

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 certificates or permits. 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 or permit 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 renewals, the new certificate or permit will carry the comparable endorsement.

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 or permit as a subject or field endorsement if the subject or field endorsement appeared on a certificate or permit 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 or permit.

004.06B Fraud, misrepresentation, or error.
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.

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

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

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.

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.

Administrative Endorsements

Curriculum Supervisor

Grade Levels: PK-12

Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

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

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

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

Have a valid regular teaching certificate,

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.

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.
Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Special Education Supervisor

Grade Levels: Birth through Grade 12

Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

Persons with this endorsement may serve in all special education administrative and supervisory roles in Nebraska schools providing services for students with disabilities, birth through age 21.

Certification Endorsement Requirements: The Special Education Supervisor endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 graduate semester hours related to educational leadership and special education administration coursework, and include an internship experience in special education supervision.

Additional requirements: For admission to the program of study leading to this endorsement, the applicant must have or be eligible to hold a valid regular teaching certificate with a special education endorsement; and

Have completed two (2) years of teaching in an approved or accredited school system.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Superintendent

Grade Levels: PK-12

Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative
005.04C  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.

005.04D  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.

005.04D1  The applicant for this endorsement must qualify for a regular teaching certificate and an administrative certificate and have two (2) years of teaching experience.

005.04E  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.

005.04E1  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.

005.04F  Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006  Teaching Endorsements

006.01  Adapted Physical Education

006.01A  Grade Level: PK-12

006.01B  Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement in: Health and Physical Education, Physical Education, or one of the Special Education endorsements.
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.

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:

Coursework in special education – six (6) semester hours;
Coursework in the content areas of physical education instruction – six (6) semester hours;
A minimum of 12 semester hours in adapted physical education courses.

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.

Grade Levels: 6-12
Endorsement Type: Field
Persons with this endorsement may teach and manage an agricultural education program and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

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

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

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.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

American Sign Language (Subject)

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

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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

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

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

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.

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: PK-12

006.06B   Endorsement Type: Field

006.06C   Persons with this endorsement may teach art for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.06D   Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require 52 semester hours in art course work, including studio art, art history, theory and criticism, teaching competencies, new technology, and career opportunities in art.

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.

006.06F   Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

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.

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.

006.08F  Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.
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006.09  Bilingual Education

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

006.09B  Endorsement Type: Supplemental. 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.

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.

006.10F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

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;

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.
Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Career Education

Grade Levels: 9-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

The endorsement shall be valid only on a career education permit 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 permit.

This endorsement shall require:

- Completion of a prescribed course of study in a career education area at the postsecondary level, or
- Completion of an apprenticeship program in the career education area, or
- Demonstrated proficiency in the career education area based upon five (5) years of practice in the career area, or
- Demonstrated proficiency by passing a competency examination approved by the industry or career education area, or
- Current employment by a community college as an instructor to teach the career education area.

Chemistry

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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.

006.13F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.14 Coaching

006.14A Grade levels: 7-12

006.14B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

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 first aid, health and safety for coaches; prevention, care, and management of injuries; fundamentals of coaching, including psychology of coaching and coaching theory; and growth, development and learning. 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.

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.
Cooperative Education – Diversified Occupations

Grade Levels: 9-12
Endorsement Type: Supplemental

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

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.

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.

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.

Driver Education

Grade Levels: 7-12
Endorsement Type: Supplemental

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

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.

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. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, the Elementary Education endorsement.

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 early childhood education that address preschool and kindergarten.

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.

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.
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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Earth and Space Science

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Economics

Grade Levels: 7-12
Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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).

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Elementary Education

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

Endorsement Type: Field

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.

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.

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;

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.
Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

**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.

**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

**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.

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.

006.24F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

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

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.

006.25F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.26 Geography

006.26A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.26B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.26C Persons with this endorsement may teach geography in grades 7 through 12.

006.26D 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).
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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Health Education

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.
006.28A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.28B Endorsement Type: Field

006.28C Persons with this endorsement may teach health and physical education in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.28D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires 54 semester hours of preparation in health and physical education courses with:

006.28D1 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

006.28D2 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.

006.28E 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.

006.28F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.
Health Sciences Education

006.29A Grade Levels: 6-12

006.29B Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement in: Science, Biology, Health and Physical Education, Physical Education, Health Education, Agriculture Education or Family and Consumer Sciences.

006.29C Persons with this endorsement may teach and manage a Health Sciences career field and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

006.29D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This supplemental endorsement shall require a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of Health Science subject matter, including:

006.29D1 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in principles/foundations of career education, and

006.29D2 A minimum of six (6) semester hours which must include:

006.29D2a A minimum of three (3) semester hours in human anatomy and/or human physiology; and

006.29D2b A minimum of three (3) semester hours in one or more additional Health Science areas: medical terminology, exercise physiology, kinesiology, and public/community health; and

006.29D3 A minimum of three (3) semester hours of career exploration, or independent work-based study in the Health Sciences industry under the direction of the college or university recommending the endorsement; and

006.29D4 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in coursework designed to develop educator competencies including, but not limited to, student development, learning differences, learning environments, content knowledge and its application, classroom management, student assessment, planning for instruction, instructional strategies, collaboration, and ethical practice.
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.

High Ability Education

Grade Levels: K-12

Endorsement Type: Supplemental

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.

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.

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.

History

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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).
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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Horticulture Education

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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

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.

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.

Industrial Technology Education

Grade Levels: 6-12

Endorsement Type: Field
006.33C Persons with this endorsement may teach Industrial Technology Education and will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement.

006.33D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require 48 semester hours of coursework in industrial technology education and professional education, including:

006.33D1 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.

006.33D2 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the principles/foundations of career education; and

006.33D3 A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the supervision of work-based learning.

006.33D4 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.

006.33E 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 Information Technology

006.34A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.34B 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.

006.34C Persons with this endorsement may teach information technology courses in prekindergarten through grade 12.
006.34D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of 15 semester hours in information technology courses.

006.34E 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.

006.35 Instructional Technology Leadership

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 assist in or facilitate the development of technology programs for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

006.35D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours that shall include the following:

006.35D1 The study of school and district level technology integration into curriculum areas for instructional improvement;

006.35D2 The study of research and best practices of technology integration to address school improvement efforts; and

006.35D3 The study of education leadership for collecting, analyzing, reporting, and using data for instructional improvement.

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 Journalism and Media Education

006.36A Grade Levels: 7-12
Endorsement Type: Supplemental

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.

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

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.

Mathematics

Grade Levels: 6-12

Endorsement Type: Field

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

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

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.

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Middle Level Education

Grade Levels: 5-9

Endorsement Type: Subject
Persons with this endorsement may teach grades 5 through 9 in the area(s) of the endorsement.

Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 36 semester hours of which 12 semester hours shall be in professional education courses, not including clinical experience, related to middle level education, and a minimum of 24 semester hours in one core academic area as listed in 006.38D1.

Core Academic Areas include the following:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Science

Additional content areas may be added with a minimum of 24 semester hours in any of the core academic areas as listed above, or in any of the following content areas:

- Agriculture Education;
- Business, Marketing and Information Technology Education;
- Family and Consumer Sciences;
- Health and Physical Education;
- Industrial Technology Education;
- World Language.

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.

Music

Grade Levels: PK-12

Endorsement Type: Field

Persons with this endorsement may teach music in prekindergarten through grade 12.
Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 54 semester hours in music education. Music coursework will include theory, composition, arranging, improvisation, music history, applied music, ensemble performance, conducting, pedagogy, and technology.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Physical Education

Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12, PK-12
Endorsement Type: Subject

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

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.

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.

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.

006.40D3 Applicants seeking both the PK-6 and 7-12 endorsements or the PK-12 endorsement, are required to earn a minimum of 42 semester hours of coursework as prescribed above for elementary and secondary school physical education programs.

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.

006.40F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.41 Physics

006.41A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.41B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.41C Persons with this endorsement may teach any physics course in grades 7 through 12.

006.41D 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.

006.41E 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.
Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

### Political Science

**Grade Levels:** 7-12

**Endorsement Type:** Subject

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

**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).

**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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

### Psychology

**Grade Levels:** 7-12

**Endorsement Type:** Subject

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

**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).
006.43E 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.

006.43F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.44 Reading and Writing

006.44A Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12

006.44B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.44C Persons with this endorsement may teach reading and writing in prekindergarten through grade 6, or in grades 7 through 12.

006.44D 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.

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.

006.45 Reading Specialist

006.45A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.45B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.45C 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.
006.45D 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.

006.45D1 Additional Requirements: An applicant for this endorsement shall have a regular teaching certificate and two (2) years of teaching experience.

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.

006.45F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.46 Religious Education

006.46A Grade Levels: K-12

006.46B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.46C Persons with this endorsement may teach religion in private schools.

006.46D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of religion.

006.46D1 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.

006.46E 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 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

006.47A Grade Levels: 9-12
006.47B   Endorsement Type: Subject

006.47C   The endorsement shall be valid only in the area of ROTC and may appear only on a career education certificate.

006.47C1   Five (5) years of full time or salaried employment in the military.

006.47D   A letter of recommendation from a military supervisor.

006.48   School Counselor

006.48A   Grade Levels: PK-6, 7-12; PK-12

006.48B   Endorsement Type: Subject (PK-6; 7-12); Field (PK-12)

006.48C   Persons with this endorsement may serve as school counselors in the grade levels of the endorsement (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12).

006.48D   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:

006.48D1 At least 100 clock hours of school related field experiences prior to internship; and

006.48D2 At least 450 clock hours of internship at the grade levels of the endorsement.

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.

006.48F   Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.49   School Librarian

006.49A   Grade Levels: PK-12
Endorsement Type: Field

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.

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.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Grade Levels: PK-12

Endorsement Type: Field

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.

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.

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.

006.50E 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.

006.50F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.51 Science

006.51A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.51B Endorsement Type: Field

006.51C Persons with this endorsement may teach any science course in grades 7 through 12.

006.51D 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.

006.51E 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.

006.51F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.
Secondary English

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Subject

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.

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.

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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

Secondary Transition Specialist

Grade Levels: 7-12

Endorsement Type: Supplemental

Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, or provide transition services for youth with verified disabilities in grades 7 through 12.

Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require 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.

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.
006.54 Skilled and Technical Science Education

006.54A Grade Levels: 9-12

006.54B Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, an endorsement in Agricultural Education or Industrial Technology Education.

006.54C Persons with this endorsement may teach Skilled and Technical Science Education (formerly Trade and Industrial Education) in grades 9 through 12.

006.54D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires the following:

006.54D1 A minimum of 12 semester hours in one of the specific career areas listed below:

006.54D1a Architecture and Construction Career Area:

006.54D1a(1) Design and Pre-Construction; or
006.54D1a(2) Construction; or
006.54D1a(3) Maintenance and Operations

006.54D1b Manufacturing Career Area:

006.54D1b(1) Health, Safety and Environmental Assurance; or
006.54D1b(2) Logistics and Inventory Control; or
006.54D1b(3) Maintenance, Installation, and Repair; or
006.54D1b(4) Manufacturing Production Process Development; or
006.54D1b(5) Production; or
006.54D1b(6) Quality Assurance

006.54D1c Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Area:

006.54D1c(1) Engineering and Technology

006.54D1d Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Career Area:

006.54D1d(1) Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance; or
006.54D1d(2) Health, Safety and Environmental Management; or
006.54D1d(3) Logistics Planning and Management Services; or
006.54D1d(4) Transportation/Systems Infrastructure; or
006.54D1d(5) Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations

006.54D2 Work Experience: The endorsement is available only to those persons who have:

006.54D2a 1000 verified hours of paid employment in the industry in which the specific career area coursework is taken; or

006.54D2b 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.

006.54D3 This endorsement shall require an applicant to earn, or qualify for, a Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement which includes:

006.54D3a A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the principles/foundations of career education; and

006.54D3b A minimum of three (3) semester hours in the supervision of work-based learning.

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 Social Science

006.55A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.55B Endorsement Type: Field

006.55C Persons with this endorsement may teach any social sciences course in grades 7 through 12.
006.55D 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).

006.55E 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. 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.

006.55F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.56 Sociology

006.56A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.56B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.56C Persons with this endorsement may teach sociology in grades 7 through 12.

006.56D 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).

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.
Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

**Special Education Generalist**

**Grade Levels:** K-6, 7-12; K-12

**Endorsement Type:** K-6 or 7-12 - Subject
K-12 - Field

**Persons with this endorsement may teach and provide services in accordance with 92 NAC 51 for children and youth who have one or more verified disabilities.**

**Certification Endorsement Requirements:** This endorsement shall require:

- **Subject endorsement:** kindergarten through grade six (K-6), or grades seven through twelve (7-12), a minimum of 42 semester hours is required, of which 30 semester hours must be special education content coursework; or

- **Field endorsement:** kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12), a minimum of 51 semester hours is required, of which 36 semester hours must be special education content coursework.

**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.

Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

**Special Education Behavior Intervention Specialist**

**Grade Levels:** Birth through Grade 12, PK-6, 7-12

**Endorsement Type:** Supplemental. This endorsement requires the applicant to have previously obtained a special education endorsement.
006.58C Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, or provide services related to behavioral needs for children with disabilities, birth through age 21, grades PK-6, or grades 7-12.

006.58D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in behavior intervention strategies and closely related topics.

\[006.58D1\] If a candidate does not hold a special education endorsement, a minimum of an additional 12 graduate semester hours in special education coursework is required.

006.58E 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.

006.59 Special Education Deaf or Hard of Hearing Education

006.59A Grade Levels: Birth through Grade 12, PK-6, 7-12

006.59B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.59C Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, or provide services for children with hearing impairments from birth through age 21, PK-6, or 7-12. This includes deafness, hard of hearing, and hearing impairment associated with other disabilities.

006.59D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a regular teaching certificate with a subject or field endorsement and earn a minimum of 36 semester hours in special education courses, of which 12 semester hours are in general special education and 24 semester hours are in the education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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.

006.59F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.
006.60 Special Education Early Childhood Special Education

006.60A Grade Levels: Birth through Kindergarten

006.60B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.60C 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.

006.60D 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.

006.60D1 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.

006.60E 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.

006.60F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.61 Special Education Early Intervention Specialist

006.61A Grade Levels: Birth through Prekindergarten

006.61B Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires the applicant to have, or earn concurrently, the Special Education Generalist endorsement at the K-6 or K-12 level.
006.61C Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, or provide services for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, ages birth through prekindergarten, including those with verified disabilities, and support families and other personnel with responsibilities for their care and education.

006.61D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 21 semester hours, which shall include a minimum of 15 semester hours in early childhood special education and a minimum of six (6) semester hours in typical early childhood development, and

006.61D1 A minimum of 160 clock hours of field experiences. Field experiences shall be conducted in preschool settings which include home-based and center-based programs serving children who have verified disabilities, with their families, and other personnel responsible for their care and education. Of the 160 clock hours, a minimum of 80 clock hours must focus on children ages birth through two years of age and a minimum of 80 clock hours must focus on pre-school aged children, ages 3 through prekindergarten.

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 Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist

006.62A Grade Levels: Birth through Grade 12

006.62B Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires the applicant to have, or earn concurrently, the Special Education Generalist endorsement.

006.62C Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, and provide services to children birth through 21 years of age, who have intellectual, sensory, and/or developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders.

006.62D Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours in special education course work related to functional academic skills and independent living.
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.

Special Education Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist

Grade Levels: PK-Grade 12

Endorsement Type: Supplemental. This endorsement requires the applicant to have previously obtained the Special Education Generalist endorsement.

Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, or provide services for children, ages three through age 21, with verified disabilities.

Certification Endorsement Requirements: The endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 graduate semester hours in inclusion and collaboration.

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.

Special Education Visual Impairment

Grade Levels: Birth through Grade 12

Endorsement Type: Subject

Persons with this endorsement may teach, consult, and provide services to children with visual impairments from birth through age 21. This includes blindness, low vision (legal blindness and partial sight) and vision impairments associated with other disabilities.

Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require an applicant to hold, or earn concurrently, a subject or field endorsement and complete a minimum of 36 additional semester hours in special education coursework including six (6) semester hours in general special education, 24 semester hours in the education of students with visual impairment, and three (3) semester hours of field experience working with students who are visually impaired.
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.

006.64F  Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.65  Speech

006.65A  Grade Levels: 7-12

006.65B  Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.65C  Persons with this endorsement may teach and direct, or act as a resource person for speech activities in grades 7 through 12.

006.65D  Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 15 semester hours in speech and communication courses, including an approved field experience.

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.

006.66  Speech-Language Pathologist

006.66A  Grade Levels: Birth through age 21

006.66B  Endorsement Type: Field

006.66C  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.

006.66D  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.

006.66E 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.

006.66F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.67 Theatre

006.67A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.67B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.67C 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.

006.67D 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.

006.67E 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.

006.68 Vocal Music

006.68A Grade Levels: PK-12

006.68B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.68C Persons with this endorsement may teach vocal music in prekindergarten through Grade 12.
006.68D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of 45 semester hours in vocal music education. Vocal music coursework will include theory, composition, arranging, improvisation, music history, applied music, ensemble performance, conducting, pedagogy, and technology.

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.

006.68F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

006.69 Vocational Special Needs

006.69A Grade Levels: 7-12

006.69B Endorsement Type: Supplemental

006.69C Persons with this endorsement may teach vocational education to students with disadvantages and/or disabilities in grades 7 through 12.

006.69D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires a minimum of nine (9) semester hours in vocational special needs courses.

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.

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

006.70A Grade Levels: K-8, 7-12, or K-12

006.70B Endorsement Type: Subject

006.70C Persons with this endorsement may teach at the grade levels and the world language(s) for which they have been prepared.
006.70D  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.

006.70D1  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.

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.

006.70F  Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.

007  Special Services Endorsements

007.01  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 or consultant for programs involving individuals from birth through age 21.

007.01D  Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a current Nebraska license as a Registered Audiologist from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

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 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.

007.03  
**Speech Language Technician**

007.03A  
**Grade Levels:** Birth to age 21

007.03B  
**Endorsement Type:** Special Services

007.03C  
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.

007.03D  
Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires the applicant to have completed a baccalaureate degree in communication disorders/speech-language pathology.

007.03E  
**Limited Purpose:** This endorsement may be placed only on the Nebraska Provisional Special Services Permit with validity, terms and renewal options as described for that permit in 92 NAC 21.

007.03F  
**No Nebraska Standard Institution of Higher Education will be granted approval to offer a program of study leading to this endorsement.**

007.04  
**Special Services Coaching**

007.04A  
**Grade Levels:** 7-12

007.04B  
**Endorsement Type:** Special Services

007.04C  
The endorsement shall be valid only in the area of coaching extracurricular activities and may appear only on a special services permit.
007.04D The endorsement shall be valid only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance of such permit and shall require:

007.04D1 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:

007.04D1a First aid, health and safety for coaches, and

007.04D1b Fundamentals of coaching.
### APPENDIX A

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AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY
PROVISIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORESEMENT

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:

- I have completed at least six (6) semester hours in special education at a state approved teacher education institution (name of institution) _________________________________. The title of the courses completed are _________________________________. 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.

- I agree to complete at least nine (9) semester hours of approved coursework before the August 31st deadline 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.

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 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.
APPENDIX C

Nebraska Rule 24 Endorsements, Content Tests, and Passing Scores

Effective September 1, 2015: All candidates applying for certification in Nebraska must provide evidence they have taken the required subject content test and received the required passing score to have the endorsement placed on their Nebraska teaching certificate or permit for the first time.

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