

## SUMMARY OF RULE 21 CHANGES

### Anticipated Effective Date August 2015

#### **Certificate to Permit**

- The types of Nebraska certificates given will be restricted to initial, standard and professional as defined by statute.
- All other current certificates will be given as permits. A permit is authorized by current statute and is defined as “restricted authorization to an individual who does not meet qualifications for a regular certificate.”
  - **Purpose of Change** – It restores clearly the distinction between program completers and those who have not completed the program.

#### **Alternative Teaching Program Permit**

- Issued to a person who has completed an educational program in another state outside of a standard educational institution. The person would be required to meet the following:
  - ✓ Earned a BA degree
  - ✓ Completed an alternative program in another state
  - ✓ Hold a current teaching license in another state
  - ✓ Has been offered a contract by a Nebraska school district
  - ✓ Has been employed as a teacher in another state for one of the last five years.
- A person could renew this one-year certificate twice:
  - ✓ In the first renewal year, the person would be required to complete HRT, SPED and PPST, or at least 6 college hours.
  - ✓ Each candidate would have a Nebraska college set up a list of courses needed to gain a regular certificate.
  - ✓ NDE would be responsible for monitoring the progress of these teachers.
- **Purpose of Change** – Each year Nebraska districts must pass on outstanding teachers who have moved to Nebraska from other states due to restrictions in the current Rule 21. This allows for the person to be hired, with district support, and make up deficiencies while being employed in a Nebraska school.

#### **Career Education Permit**

- Reduce the length from five years to three years.
- Qualifications for the permit will center on career education teachers hired by the district who are teaching high school courses.
- Permit can be renewed by teaching one course in two different semesters within the three-year time frame of the permit.
  - **Purpose of Change** – Current rule has no set amount of teaching experiences to renew a Career Education Certificate. This changes the career education dual credit teachers to a Dual Credit Permit.

### **Dual Credit Permit**

- Allows an individual to teach courses to high school students for high school and college credit. Proposed changes include:
  - ✓ Reduce the length of the permit from five years to three years
  - ✓ Set the qualifications for the permit as meeting postsecondary institutions' equivalent faculty credentials for career education endorsements. Qualifications for the permit in other endorsement areas will require minimum of a Masters plus 18 graduate hours in the discipline.

Permit can be renewed by teaching one course in two different semesters within the three-year time frame of the permit.

- **Purpose of Change** – Increases minimum hours needed to qualify for a Dual Credit permit to meet common practice in the field.