



Teacher Certification

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Instructions: Special Education Training

Coursework or employment experiences that provide an individual with the knowledge of

1. the exceptional needs of the disabilities defined under the Special Education Act;
2. the major characteristics of each disability in order to recognize its existence in children;
3. the various alternatives for providing the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities;
4. (d) methods of teaching children with disabilities in the regular classroom;
5. pre-referral alternatives, referral systems, multidisciplinary team responsibilities, the individualized education plan process and the placement process.

This requirement can be met by ONE of the following options:

- You have completed a Special Education course at an approved teacher education institution that addressed the exceptional child in the classroom **THEN** submit official transcripts of the course. Note: If the Special Education course was not titled as the exceptional child in the classroom submit a course syllabus.
- If you have completed an approved teacher education program for special education at an approved teacher education institution **THEN** submit official transcripts of the coursework.
- You have not completed an approved course in Special Education, but have employment experiences that provided you an opportunity to acquire the five skills **THEN** verify acceptable employment experience in which the required five skills were obtained and write a narrative that addresses each of the five skills.
- You have not met this requirement **THEN** you may be eligible for a Provisional Certificate. The State Substitute Teaching Certificate does not require this course.

Resources

Teacher Certification Manual

Requirements: Special Education First Certificate Teaching and Administrative

Instructions: State Substitute Teaching Initial and Renewal

Form: Provisional District Agreement Statement NDED 20-002

*This requirement that a certificate or permit applicant provide his/her social security number is contained in Nebr. Rev. Stat. 79-810. The uses that will be made of this number are criminal background check prior to issuance of a certificate and for purposes of data compilation concerning employment of graduates of state approved teacher education programs and employment of certificate permit holders.