

Summary of Changes to Rule 24

004.04 Provisional Special Education

- Replacing “Provisional Special Education” with “Interim Special Education” because according to federal law “in order to be considered qualified, the state shall ensure that each person employed as a special education teacher in the State who teaches elementary school, middle school, or secondary school has not had special education certification or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or **provisional** basis”. Use of the word “provisional” in the title has caused confusion about this endorsement so the language is being adjusted.

005.02 Principal

- The grade level was changed from 7-12 to 6-12
- Certification Endorsement Requirements: Language changed to remove confusion and create greater clarity around the number of graduate semester hours and clock hours for internship/field experiences required for the different endorsement grade bands offered.

006.05 Anthropology

- Anthropology was deleted as an endorsement that can be added. This endorsement is only for individuals who already hold this endorsement or are recommended for the endorsement by standard institutions of higher education prior to August 1, 2021. Nebraska institutions will not be able to recommend this endorsement for placement on teaching certificates after August 1, 2021.

006.19 Economics, 006.25 Geography, 006.31 History, 006.41 Political Science, 006.42 Psychology and 006.56 Sociology

- The Grade Level was changed from 7-12 to 6-12.
- Certification Endorsement Requirements: These endorsements require a minimum of 36 semester hours including 30 hours in the endorsement area (for example, economics, geography, etc...) and six (6) semester hours in one or more of the social studies areas (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology). Note: Anthropology has been removed as one of the social studies areas.

006.20 Elementary Education:

- Certification Endorsement Requirements: Language changed to remove confusion and create greater clarity. Language was removed to avoid duplication of coursework already addressed in Rule 20. Academic coursework language streamlined to remove coursework language not directly related to academic coursework.

006.48 School Librarian

- Language was revised to include/reflect current verbiage.

006.55 Social Studies

- The Grade Level was changed from 7-12 to 6-12.
- Language and endorsement requirements were revised to include/reflect the Nebraska Standards.
- Anthropology will no longer be offered as a course of study to meet the program requirements.
- Certification Endorsement Requirements revision include: 60 hours total still required; however the hours have been redistributed as such:
 - Requiring 12 hours (formerly 9 hours) of study in American History, with 3 hours of Diversity course work.
 - Requiring 12 hours (formerly 9 hours) of study in World History, with 3 hours of Diversity course work.
 - Requiring 9 hours (formerly 6 hours) of study in Political Science/Government/Civics course work.
 - Requiring 9 hours in (formerly 6 hours) Behavioral Sciences with 6 hours in Psychology and 3 hours in Sociology course work.
 - Requiring 9 hours (formerly 6 hours) in Geography with 3 hours of Human Geography, and 6 hours of Geography electives.
 - Requiring 9 hours (formerly 6 hours) in Economics, with 3 hours in Microeconomics, 3 hours in Macroeconomics and 3 hours of Economics electives.
 - Requiring 3 hours of the required Social Studies course work to be directly related to topics of study specific to the state/region of Nebraska.
- Definition of Diversity added to the Rule to reflect the diversity coursework requirement.

006.72 World Language

- The Grade Levels were changed from K-8, 7-12, K-12 to K-8, 6-12, K-12
- Language and endorsement requirements were revised to include/reflect the Nebraska Standards.
- Increase in the number of hours, from-15 to 30, that institutions may waive for a candidate to demonstrate proficiency in the language of the endorsement being sought.
- Testing options, in addition to Praxis II, were expanded to include:
 - The Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) at Advanced-Low level of proficiency in western languages and at the Intermediate-High level for non-western and classical languages.
 - or
 - The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at C1 level for western languages and B2 for non-western languages.

Appendix C – Nebraska Rule 24 Endorsements, Content Tests, and Passing Scores

- Appendix C was updated to include the new *Praxis* tests and test scores.