

WAC 181-79A-211 Academic and experience requirements for certification—Administrators. Candidates for the respective administrative certificate shall complete the following requirements.

(1) **Superintendent.**

(a) Initial.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least forty-five quarter credit hours (thirty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education.

(ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.

(b) Professional.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least sixty quarter credit hours (forty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.

(ii) The candidate shall hold or have held a valid teacher, educational staff associate, program administrator or principal certificate; excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231, or comparable out-of-state certificates.

(iii) Candidates applying for the professional superintendent's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(2) **Principal.**

(a) Residency.

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed an approved program for the preparation of principals.

(iii) The candidate shall have three years of documented school-based experience in an instructional role with students. However, candidates who were enrolled in an approved principal program prior to July 1, 2013, are not subject to the three-year minimum experience requirement.

(iv) The candidate shall hold or have held:

(A) A valid teacher's certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231; or

(B) A valid education staff associate certificate, excluding certificates issued under WAC 181-79A-231.

(v) Persons whose teacher or educational staff associate certificates were revoked, suspended or surrendered are not eligible for principal certificates.

(b) Professional.

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial principal's certificate, an approved master's degree, and shall have completed at least one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours under chapter 181-85 WAC. Such study shall:

(A) Be based on the principal performance domains included in WAC 181-78A-270 (2)(a) or (b);

(B) Be taken subsequent to the issuance of the initial principal's certificate; and

(C) Be determined in consultation with and approved by the candidate's employer or the administrator of a state approved principal preparation program.

(ii) The candidate must meet requirements for a principal's certificate under WAC 181-79A-150(4).

(iii) Candidates applying for the professional principal's certificate shall provide documentation of three school years of full-time employment as a principal or assistant principal.

(3) **Program administrator.**

(a) Residency certificate.

The candidate shall hold a master's degree or higher and have completed an approved program for the preparation of program administrators.

(b) Professional.

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid initial program administrator's certificate, an approved master's degree and have completed subsequent to the baccalaureate degree at least thirty quarter credit hours (twenty semester credit hours) of graduate level course work in education or shall hold a doctorate in education.

(ii) Candidates applying for a professional program administrator's certificate shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more employment in the respective role with an authorized employer—i.e., school district, educational service district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system—and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

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